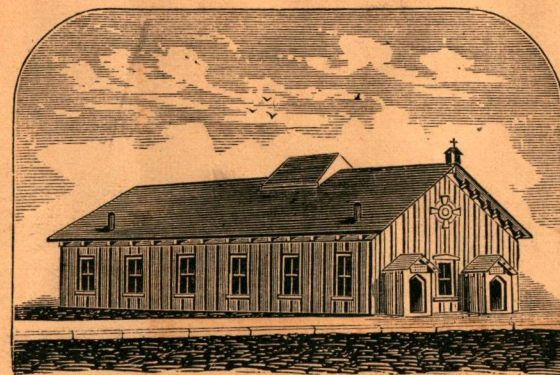


Fourth Annual Report

OF THE

Parish Association

OF THE



Church of the Holy Apostles, Philadelphia.
The First Building, 1868—1873.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES

Philadelphia.

AS READ AT THE ANNIVERSARY, SUNDAY EVENING, JANUARY 27, 1878.

FOURTH
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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OF THE

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PHILADELPHIA.

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REPORT.

Philadelphia, January 27th, 1878.

To the Congregation and Friends

OF THE

Church of the Holy Apostles:

As is customary at this time, the committee appointed by the Parish Association, present to you the Fourth Annual Report of that organization, embracing the work of the parish for the year which has recently closed.

The Association we thus represent was established in 1874, with a view of enlisting the active co-operation of the members of the congregation in the work which is laid upon our church; and to bring, at monthly meetings, the operations of the several Committees before the members, to stimulate to renewed effort, and to consult as to future measures to the same end.

We believe that this organization has been beneficial, if for no other reason, in thus uniting the congregation.

The Rector reports that the church services have been held regularly, without interruption, in the morning and evening, and that with the exception of the summer months, there has been a weekly service on Wednesday evenings; also that during Lent, and before and after the Annual Confirmation, a number of extra services were held, at all these extra services and at the regular stated ones the attendance has been very large, and there has been a noticeable increase in the size of the Sunday evening congregations.

The Monthly Services of Song are continued, and have not only maintained their hold upon the congregation, as evidenced by the very large number of persons present, but seem to meet most admirably the purpose for which they were intended, being specially to secure the attendance of the parents of the Sunday School children who do not or cannot attend regularly the ordinary services. Services have been held as usual on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas and a Watch Meeting on New Year's Eve.

There have been during 1877:

Infant Baptisms	52
Adult	5
Confirmed	46
Funerals attended	24
Marriages solemnized	13
Present Number of Communicants	356

The Holy Communion is administered every second Sunday of the month, and Infant Baptism on the Fourth Sunday.

Total Amount of Communion offertories \$147.58

The accounting Warden presents the following statement of his accounts which are herewith submitted:

RECEIPTS.

Pew Rents,	\$2,092.29
Collections,	437.48
Parish Association,	500.00
Sunday Schools,	340.00
Contributions and Subscriptions,	601.16
Choir, proceeds of two Concerts,	155.00

\$4,125.93

EXPENDITURES.

Deficiency 1876,	\$231.22
Current Expenses, Salary of Rector, Sexton, etc.,	2,749.18
Gas and Fuel,	487.74
Interest on Ground Rent,	600.00
Convention Fund,	50.00
Insurance,	50.00
Episcopal Hospital Collection,	35.00
Young Men's Christian Association,	20.66
Repairs and Improvements,	229.05

\$4,452.85

Deficiency, \$326.92

Some changes will be noticed in comparing this statement with that of last year. The pew rents have fallen off about \$70, and the Sunday collections \$120; doubtless owing to the hard times. Still all things considered, we think the revenue of the church has been in the main satisfactory. It must, however, be borne in mind that the expenses, with the greatest care and economy, exceed the receipts, and that there is a yearly recurring deficiency to be met. The Warden would, therefore, again urge upon the congregation the duty of aiding the Parish Association, by contributing to its funds, and engaging in its work, as through its means these deficiencies may be met. It will

be remembered also that the large Sunday schools are not only supported by the teachers and their friends, without any charge to the congregation, but that they have, besides, contributed \$340 to the support of the church. Also, that the music is no expense whatever, being rendered freely and voluntarily. As was noticed last year, the mortgage upon the church building had been reduced to \$3000. A strong effort is now being made to entirely liquidate it.*

The effective work of the Association is confided to committees, whose work will either appear from their several reports, or be stated in connection therewith.

The first of these committees is that of Sunday schools and Bible classes. From their report we learn, number on the roll:

Officers and teachers, 75; scholars—main school, 460; infant school, 280; bible classes, 290; total scholars, 1030. Total in all, 1105. Average attendance during 1877, including July and August, teachers 64, scholars 672, total 756; excluding July and August, teachers 70, scholars 734, total 804. The largest attendance was Sunday, December 23, 1004; and the smallest July 29, 374. The Superintendent again calls attention to the large average attendance of teachers being 64, or 86 per cent. of the whole number. Exclusive of July and August, it was 95 per cent.

The general sessions of the schools are held every Sunday afternoon at 2.15, and in addition adult bible classes are held Sunday morning at 9.30.

On the first Sunday in 1878, the International Series of Lessons, as adapted to our Church year by a committee of clergymen of the church was taken up, and great interest and attention in the study of the Word is manifested by both teachers and scholars.

The Weekly Teachers' Meetings for Lesson study are continued, as usual, they are held every Friday evening, except during the two summer months, and the Lesson for the following Sunday is taught by the Superintendent, a feature of this Meeting is the attendance upon its sessions of older scholars, who are looking forward to becoming teachers, the result of this has been very satisfactory, enabling the Superintendent to substitute in case of a regular teacher's absence, one known to him as capable of filling the post, and giving him a number of his pupils who devote themselves to proper preparation for the work.

The meetings have been of great assistance in many ways, and are undoubtedly at the very foundation of the success of the school.

* This effort has been entirely successful, and the mortgage was paid and satisfied February 1st.

The average attendance has been :

Teachers,	39
Other persons,	13

The Superintendent must repeat his language in the report of last year, and refer with thankfulness to the personal sympathy and attachment which exists between himself and his teachers, and also in great measure between the latter and their scholars; he has had brought to his notice many instances of unwearying devotion on the part of the teachers in dealing with scholars, and a constant looking out for their spiritual interests. To this he ascribes under God, the large number, aggregating nearly 40, who during the year consecrated themselves to the service of Christ.

The scholars again voted to dispense with a Christmas festival, and instead thereof to make an offering in aid of the efforts to liquidate the mortgage already referred to. This offering was made this afternoon and reached the sum of \$485.39.

Through the kindness of a friend the school were, however, entertained by a performance of magic, etc., which being in a measure unexpected, was greatly enjoyed by all.

The Anniversary was held as usual on Easter Sunday, and the special Christmas Service, December 23d.

The Library has been thoroughly overhauled and put in complete order, with the addition of a number of new volumes, it is now open every Sunday.

The number of volumes is 775.

The Teacher's Library of books of reference contains 265 volumes, besides which there are libraries connected with the Bible Classes numbering 179 volumes, making in all in connection with the school 1219 volumes.

The Treasurer of the School reports :

Total Amount contributed and collected by Teachers and Scholars in 1877,	\$1,117.49
Balance from 1876,	28.06
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EXPENDED.

Support of the Church,	\$340.00
For the Library,	112.05
Bibles and Hymn Books, Printing, Stationery, and general support of the Schools, including relief furnished,	395.81
Outside Missionary purposes,	66.76
	<hr/> 914.62
Balance,	\$230.93

The Committee on Parish Library reports that the same is opened every Wednesday evening, and its privileges availed of by the congregation and their friends, the number of volumes is 825; the library needs replenishing, and new books to take the place of many old ones, the library is appreciated, but its usefulness would be greatly increased if it could be made more attractive by being removed to a larger room, with the addition of current magazines, and papers on file; an effort will probably be made to accomplish this, but in the mean time the librarian desires donations in books or money; the work is a most important one, as is anything which tends to overcome the demoralizing literature of the period.

The next committee, that of Church Hospitality, can give no statistical report of their work. Their duty is to extend a hearty welcome to strangers who may be in attendance upon the services, and as our church is situated in a rapidly increasing neighborhood, with an ever changing population, there are frequently many such present at a single service. The Committee is in attendance before and after all the stated services, both Sunday and week day, to greet strangers, provide them with seats, and introduce them to the Rector when desired. Their work, though very modest, requires much care and time and is very thoroughly performed. Cards with the services of the Church are printed and distributed.

The Committee on Cottage Lectures report 20 meetings held, with an average attendance of 20: after the commencement of the weekly Wednesday evening service in the fall, it was deemed advisable to suspend for a time these meetings, as they interfered somewhat with the regular service; instead thereof the Committee have begun a Young Men's Meeting, which is held every Sunday evening, for a half an hour before service, the success attending this effort has very gratifying, a very large number are present who are led afterwards into the Church, thus increasing the attendance there.

The Chairman of the Committee on Workingmen's Club states that, owing to the continued period of depression, it has been deemed best for the present not to make an effort to obtain a room outside, as was hoped in last year's report, but to await more favorable times; the number of members is 40, volumes in the Library 50, balance in Treasurer's hands \$74.49.

A very successful social excursion to Glenolden Grove was made in the early part of July.

The Committee on District Visiting report that they have canvassed the neighborhood of the Church as thoroughly as possible, with

the view of securing the attendance upon the Services and Sunday school of those who do not go elsewhere. The members have paid 270 visits, and have also been the means of bringing cases of need before the proper parish agencies for relief; they have distributed \$36, besides groceries, clothing, shoes, etc.

From the Committee on Mothers' Meetings, the following statement is furnished: They were commenced December 22, 1876, and continued to March 2, 1877.

Number held,	14
Average attendance,	36
Garments made,	304
Given to Sunday school children and others,	201
Sold,	103

Under the auspices of this committee, families who have been in absolute want, have been supplied with provisions and groceries, and assisted in paying their rent.

Several donations in material were received, and the donations in money amounted to \$203.90; expended, \$197.17; balance, \$6.73.

The meetings are held weekly on Friday afternoons, are opened and closed with religious exercises, and while the members were working, some entertaining and instructive book is read. We again most heartily commend this practical effort to the support of all.

The Committee on Missionary Work have aided that of District Visiting, by relieving such cases of actual distress as have been reported. They cannot, for very obvious reasons, give a detailed report of their operations; as before, they hold themselves in readiness to visit promptly, and furnish relief as they are enabled.

The Committee on Mite Collections report through the Treasurer, who is Chairman of the same.

The last Committee on the list is that of Music. They report that the Choir numbers some thirty ladies and gentlemen, whose services are voluntarily rendered, not only at the Sunday, but also on the week day services. As will be seen by the report of the Accounting Warden, they have contributed towards the funds of the church, as the result of two concerts, the sum of \$155, besides supplying all the music books needed.

Your committee must again tender its grateful acknowledgments to the members of the choir, for the hearty and cheerful manner in which they have performed their duties, and led in the simple congregational singing which has been so characteristic of all our services.

The Treasurer of the Association reports:

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1876,	\$350.37
Cash from Mite Collections,	53.52
“ “ Church,	89.50
“ “ Donations,	30.00
“ “ Strawberry Festival,	324.80
	<u>\$848.19</u>

PAYMENTS.

Church Warden,	\$500.00
Missionary Committee,	40.50
Mother's Meeting Committee,	50.00
District Visiting Committee,	39.76
Printing,	23.00
Expenses of Easter Anniversary and Dressing Church at Easter and Christmas,	89.45
Sodding and Planting,	27.01
Sundries,	13.67
	<u>\$783.31</u>
Balance,	\$64.80

Grouping together then the various Treasurer's reports, and we find the total amount from all sources, including pew rental, subscriptions, collections, donations, entertainments, and balances on hand at the commencement of the year was

\$5,544.06

and the expenditures were

Support of the Church,	\$4,168.14
Repairs and Improvements,	229.05
Support of the Sunday Schools, Library, etc.,	507.86
Printing, and Expenses of Anniversary and Dress- ing Church at Christmas and Easter,	116.46
Missionary Purposes,	472.52
	<u>5,494.03</u>
Balance	\$50.03

Represented by

Sunday School Treasury,	\$230.93
Parish Association,	64.80
Workingmen's Club,	74.49
Mothers' Meeting,	6.73
	<u>\$376.95</u>
Deficiency in Accounting Wardens,	326.92
	<u>\$50.02</u>

There are many matters in conclusion, to which your committee would wish to refer, but the length of the Report already, admonishes them to be brief; there is, however, one subject that on this occasion we may allude to with deep thankfulness and gratitude, which is that we are enabled to celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of the organization of our parish; in this connection a few remarks relative to its commencement may not be deemed inappropriate.

The formation of the Parish was the result of several conferences, held under the direction of Rev. Phillips Brooks, then Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, and Rev. Samuel E. Appleton, Rector of the Church of the Mediator, and the first Vestry composed of members of these two Parishes, was chosen January 7th, 1868, and consisted of the following gentlemen:

LEWIS H. REDNER, } GEO. C. THOMAS, }		WARDENS.	
LEMUEL COFFIN,		ALFRED M. COLLINS,	
JOHN BOHLEN,		FRANCIS HOSKINS,	
CHARLES GIBBONS,		GEO. S. FOX,	
EZRA BOWEN,		S. A. RULON,	
WM. P. CRESSON,		DR. ROB'T HUEY.	

The services were commenced on Sunday evening, January 26th, 1868, in the Lecture Room of Tabor Presbyterian Church, when the sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Brooks; he was followed on the succeeding Sunday evening by Rev. Mr. Appleton, and the pulpit was supplied by the clergy of the city until Sunday, September 6th, of the same year, when the present Rector, Rev. Chas. D. Cooper, entered upon his work, in the new frame building, erected through the liberality of John Rice, Esq., and occupied as Church and Sunday School until the completion of the present school building. In the spring of 1869, work was commenced upon the Church building, and it was completed, and the first service held, on Sunday, December 11th, 1870. In the spring of 1872, the construction of the Sunday School building was begun; it was finished and occupied for the first time, on Sunday, February 16th, 1873. From the time the services of the Church were inaugurated, in Tabor Church, to the present occasion, they have been held stately upon every Sunday without an exception.

During this period there have been 9 confirmations, at which 290 persons have been confirmed, there have been 35 adults and 455 infants baptized; 95 marriages solemnized, and 240 funeral services attended.

The Sunday School has grown to the number reported as now on

the roll, from 37 who were present on the Sunday morning ten years ago; during the whole of this period, summer and winter and on every Sunday, a regular session has been held; to show the gradual increase, the average attendance of each year is submitted: 1868, 144; 1869, 220; 1870, 237; 1871, 330; 1872, 370; 1873, 514; 1874, 650; 1875, 696; 1876, 716; 1877, 756.

It is not our purpose, nor would it be proper, to dwell upon these statistics too much, they are submitted in all humility, as we are conscious that all we do is subject to the Divine approval, and that the measure of that was expressed by Him we serve, when He said "She hath done what she could"

We should render thanksgiving to God to-night for many mercies but for none more than that He has preserved us from all discord, and has permitted us to work unitedly, without a difference between minister and people, here in His vineyard.

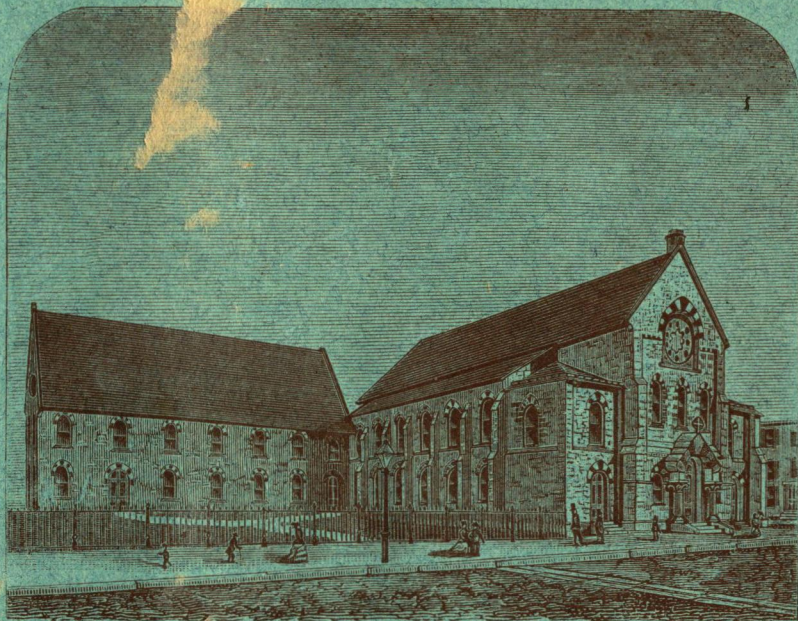
As He has been with us in the past may He continue to be with us in the future, permitting us to be His servants here that we may be partakers of His glory forever.

Your friends and fellow workers,

CHAS. D. COOPER, RECTOR,
GEO. C. THOMAS,
W. D. THOMAS,
R. A. KYLE,

Committee.

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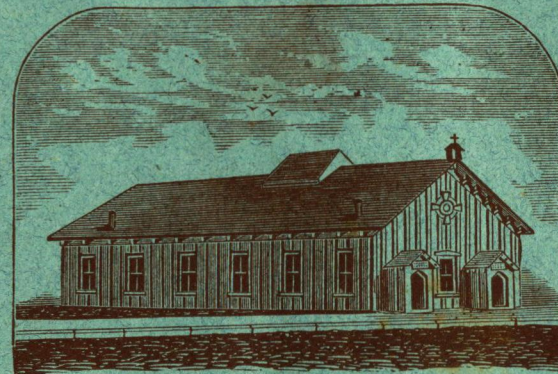


Sixth × Annual × Report

OF THE

Parish × Association

OF THE



Church of the Holy Apostles, Philadelphia.
The First Building, 1868 — 1873.

Church × of × the × Holy × Apostles

Philadelphia.

As Read at the Anniversary, Sunday Evening, January 25, 1880.

Report.

Philadelphia, January 25th, 1880.

TO THE CONGREGATION
OF THE
CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES:

In accordance with the requirements of its Constitution, the Committee of the Parish Association herewith present the Sixth Annual Report of that organization, embracing as full a statement of the work of the past year as it is possible to give.

It may be as well in the outset, to again bring to notice the objects of our Association, and this cannot better be done than by an extract from our Fourth Annual Report:

"The Association was established in 1874, with a view of enlisting the active co-operation of the members of the congregation in the work which is laid upon our church; and to bring at monthly meetings the operations of the several committees before the members, to stimulate to renewed effort, and to consult as to future measures to the same end."

Shortly after our last annual meeting, it was deemed best to alter the time for holding the monthly meetings from Wednesday evenings, before or after the regular service, when comparatively few came or remained, to the first Monday evening of the month; and from time to time to invite persons not connected with our parish to make addresses. The plan has worked admirably, the number of persons in attendance has been very encouraging, as many as 300 having been present on one occasion, and the smallest, on a very stormy night, about 60.

Interesting and stirring remarks, inciting to renewed exertions in the Master's service, have been delivered by Rev. Dr. Newton, Rev.

Messrs. McVickar, Duhring and Bugbee, and Messrs. Rene Guillou, Francis Wells and Lewis H. Redner, besides the Rector and others from our own church.

The Rector reports the services of the church have been held regularly twice every Sunday without interruption, and the Wednesday evening lecture was continued during the summer months, being united with the Teachers' Meeting for that period; also that during Lent, and before and after the Annual Confirmation, a number of extra services were held; there have been also the usual services on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Ascension Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas and a Watch Meeting on New Year's Eve. The services of song are continued on the fourth Sunday evenings of the month. The attendance at all the services has been gratifying and indicative of interest, yet the Rector is compelled to deplore the absence of many who should enter the courts of the Lord, there are those who have been baptized and confirmed in the Episcopal Church, whose children are enrolled in the Sunday School, who consider themselves as connected with the Parish, receiving the visits of the Minister, and his consolation and assistance at the time of trouble, who yet are never seen in the Sanctuary, it is his earnest wish that all who are regular in their attendance, and the members of the Association should co-operate with him, in inducing such persons to come to Church. It will be remembered by many that one of the daily papers of the city took last year a census of those in attendance on the various churches, by the actual count of a person selected to visit each at a Sunday Morning Service. This count at the Holy Apostles was announced as follows: 287 women, 127 men, 120 children, total 534.

There have been during 1879:

Infant Baptisms,	41
Adult Baptisms,	7
Confirmed males,	14
Confirmed females,	32
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Funerals attended,	35
Marriages solemnized,	17
Present Number of Communicants,	430
Amount of Communion Offertories,	\$150

The Holy Communion is administered every second Sunday in the month, and Infant Baptism on the Fourth Sunday.

During the twelve years of the existence of the Parish, the statistics have been as follows:

Baptisms, Infant, 594. Adults, 45,	639
Confirmed, eleven occasions,	372
Funerals,	320
Marriages,	123

The accounting Warden presents the following statement of his accounts which are herewith submitted:

RECEIPTS.

Pew Rents,	\$1,971.48
Collections,	844.16
Parish Association,	240.00
Sunday Schools,	500.00
Subscriptions,	175.00
Mite Chests. Easter,	45.87
Excursion, Atlantic City,	54.50
Collection at Church of the Holy Trinity,	700.00
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	\$4,531.01

EXPENDITURES.

Deficit 1878,	\$515.00
Current Expenses, Rector and Sexton's Salaries, etc. 2592.82	
Gas and Fuel,	358.90
Interest on Ground Rent,	600.00
Convention Fund, two years,	100.00
Insurance,	50.00
Repairs and Improvements,	138.32
Episcopal Hospital Collection,	38.84
30th Ward Relief Association,	15.60
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	\$4,409.48
Balance in hand,	\$121.53

The Warden's accounts are made up to January 1st, and he has not therefore included in his balance an additional appropriation from the Sunday Schools of \$200, made after the 1st instant.

Comparing this report with that of last year, it will be seen:

First. That the revenue from Pew Rents is still smaller:

Second. That the Sunday collections are some \$200 greater.

Third. That had it not been for the generous assistance of the Church of the Holy Trinity, and the contributions of \$500 made from the Sunday School, it would have been impossible to meet the expenses.

The Warden again calls attention to these facts:

First. The small number of pews rented.

Second. The moderate rental at which they are placed. A whole pew can be rented for \$4 a year, and one in the middle of the Church, in an eligible locality for from \$20 to \$30.

Third. That the Sunday Schools are supported entirely by the teachers and their friends, and have not asked the congregation for anything, except to contribute towards the Christmas Festival.

Fourth. That the music is no expense whatever to the Church, the services of Organist and Choir being rendered freely and voluntarily.

He therefore urges all those who have the ability to rent a pew or sitting in the Church, and to remember the regular Sunday collections.

It must not however be supposed that those who do not rent a pew or sitting are not welcome, the seats which are not so taken are free to all who choose to occupy them, and every attendant upon our services is at all times welcome.

The Fruit and Flower Festival was held in June, and the amount realized was \$265.69, two of the three evenings were exceedingly stormy, which prevented a greater result.

The effective work of the Association is confided to Committees.

The first of these is that of Sunday Schools and Bible Classes, From their report we learn number on the Roll as follows:

Officers and Teachers,	73
Scholars, Infant School,	330
Scholars, Main School,	480
Eight Bible Classes,	215
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Total,	1098

The average attendance exclusive of July and August has been

Officers and Teachers,	68
Scholars,	723
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Total,	801

Including these months

Officers and Teachers,	64
Scholars,	682
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Total,	746

The largest attendance was Sunday, December 28th, 1,024

The smallest attendance was Sunday, August 17th, 341

The Superintendent again calls attention to the very large average attendance of teachers, being 64, or 88 per cent. of the whole number. Exclusive of July and August it was 94 per cent. ; the smallest number upon any one Sunday having been 31.

The sessions of the School are held every Sunday afternoon at 2.30.

The International Series of Lessons adapted to our Church year, by a committee of clergymen and laymen in connection with a committee of the Sunday School Association of the P. E. Church in Philadelphia, continue to be taught, and considerable interest is taken in the study by both teachers and scholars. As an evidence of this on the part of the scholars, the Superintendent hands us the following report of an examination held at the close of the last quarter :

“At the commencement of the last quarter of 1879, I announced to the scholars of the Sunday-schools of the Church of the Holy Apostles, that at the end of the quarter those who desired could enter for a competitive examination. This examination was held on Monday evening, December 22, when each scholar present was handed a copy of the following questions :

1. Name the seasons of the church year.
2. What ones have we passed through in part since October 1 ?
3. Name the portion of the Bible in which our lessons are found.
4. Name as many of the books from which the lessons are taken as you can.
5. Give the authors' name as far as you are able.
6. Who wrote the last book of the Bible?
7. What other book did he write?
8. What was he called?
9. Where was he when he saw the vision referred to in our lessons?
10. Why was he there?
11. What were apostles and others who suffered persecution and death called?
12. What does this word mean?
13. Who was the greatest missionary the church has had?
14. Where was he born?
15. How did he become a Christian, and where?
16. Who wrote the book from which our motto (2 Pet. 3: 18) for 1879 was taken?
17. What was his trade or occupation?
18. Can you remember any action of his for which he was very sorry?
19. Can you tell the manner of his death?
20. Give the titles of two or more of the lessons?
21. Give the golden texts of any two of the lessons?
22. Give any important thought from the lessons or reviews that you remember.
23. What is the form of instruction the church has set forth called?
24. What is the name given to the articles of belief?
25. How many sacraments are there?
26. What is the general name given to the law which God gave to Moses?
27. What do we learn from these books?

28. What is the last word in the Bible ?

29. What does it mean ?

30. What do you consider to be the object of attending Sunday-school ?

“Some fifty had enrolled themselves, but the night being exceedingly stormy, all did not appear. Each scholar was assigned a separate table, and no helps of any kind were allowed. A committee of judges was appointed, none of whom were connected with the school, and the scholars were known to them only by their designated number and their age. Six prizes were awarded. Two of these were to girls over sixteen years of age. Two were to girls under sixteen. Two were for boys. The answers, as a whole, were remarkable for intelligence and thought. As a sample, I append several to the thirtieth question, What do you consider to be the object of attending Sunday-school?

“A girl of eleven years says, ‘To love and serve God, and to learn to be a Christian.’

“Another of thirteen and a-half says, ‘To learn to do God's holy will and commandments.’

“One of fifteen says, ‘To learn the Bible, and to be an earnest Christian.’

“A boy of a little more than sixteen expresses it, ‘My object in attending Sunday-school is to learn to walk in the paths of the Saviour; to make him my example; to hold him up as a perfect pattern to guide me to the haven where my soul at last expects to rest in happiness for eternity.’

“A girl of eighteen says, ‘To learn God's will, to study his word, to make us wise unto salvation.’

“Another boy of seventeen says, ‘To learn the way of salvation.’

“One of the members of a Young Ladies Bible Class says, ‘To study God's word, and learn to be more like him in our lives.’

“And another thus beautifully expresses it, ‘To learn to love the dear Saviour, and try to follow in the blessed steps of his most holy life, and be instructed in the truths that will make us wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.’

The Sunday Reviews have been as in former years, increased in interest by the beautiful diagrams prepared by a member of the Men's Bible Class.

The Teachers' Meetings have been continued weekly, on every Friday Evening, excepting Good Friday, and during the summer months, when they were held on Wednesdays. It is not necessary here to elaborate upon the usefulness of these weekly gatherings. They are a permanent feature of our school work, and we are glad to record the fact that 11 of the schools of our Church in this city, hold weekly meetings, and 16 monthly.

The average attendance for the year has been :

Teachers,	40
Other persons,	13
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	53

The Superintendent must repeat his language in the reports of previous years, and refer with thankfulness to the personal sympathy and attachment which exists between himself and his teachers, and also, in a great measure, between the latter and their scholars. He has had brought to his notice many instances of unwearied devotion on the part of teachers in dealing with their scholars, and a constant looking out for their spiritual and temporal interests. To this he ascribes under God, the large number who, during the year, consecrated themselves to the service of Christ. Of the 46 who were confirmed, 34 were from the Sunday Schools and Bible Classes.

The Christmas Services of the schools were held on Sunday afternoon, December 28th, for the Infant Department, and in the evening for the Main School; at the latter, addresses were delivered by the Rector and Rev. Messrs. Sines and Thomas.

The Easter Anniversary was held as usual on the evening of that day, and the Christmas Festivals on Tuesday, December 30th. The Library of the school is closed at present, the books needing a thorough overhauling before it can be reopened; it numbers about 800 volumes, in addition to which there are Libraries in the Adult Bible Classes, that of the teachers', consisting mainly of books of reference, and numbering 300 volumes.

The Treasurer of the School reports:

Total amount contributed and collected by Teachers and	
Scholars in 1879,	\$1,294.03
Balance due from 1878,	287.72
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	\$1,581.75

EXPENDED.

Support of the Church,	\$700.00
Sunday-school Library,	50.00
Missionary purposes:—	
Bishop Penick for Africa,	100.00
“ Whipple for Indian Work,	50.00
“ Vail for Kansas,	50.00
“ Whittle for Freedmen,	50.00
Episcopal Hospital,	30.86
Mexican League,	36.00
Various Missionary Objects,	65.00
Printing,	63.00
Lesson Papers, Hand-Books, &c.,	78.43
Christmas Festival, including dressing the Church,	173.15
Sundries,	60.83
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	\$1,507.27
Balance,	\$74.48

The schools united with other schools in the special Lenten Missionary offerings, and the amount contributed as will be seen by the above report was \$550, the amounts sent to Bishops Penick, Vail, Whipple and Whittle were acknowledged by letters, which were of great interest to the scholars.

In addition to that of Sunday Schools and Bible Classes the following Committees are at present in active operation.

First Committee—On Parish Library.

The Chairman states that the number of books is 900, the Library is opened every Wednesday evening, and books may be taken out on any evening the building is opened. We again regret that this means is not more generally availed of by the members of the congregation, it may not be understood that all are entitled to its privileges.

The present Librarian has been most untiring in his work, and deserves the thanks of all.

Besides the volumes in the Library, there are on file: *Episcopal Register*, *Churchman*, *Standard of the Cross*, *Sunday School Times*, *Watchman* and *American Messenger*.

Second Committee—On Church Hospitality.

They can give no statistical report of their work, their duty being to extend a hearty welcome to strangers, of whom many are present at every service.

The members attend before and after the stated services both on Sunday and during the week, and have been the means of making many feel at home, who might otherwise have experienced the loss of such friendly greeting as was thus given them.

They have been the means of introducing quite a number of persons to the Rector, also bringing others into the Sunday Schools.

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The members of this Committee have paid about 300 visits, and have also visited and relieved a number of cases of distress, they have also been instrumental in bringing into the Sunday School and Church those who had no other religious connection, and others recently coming into the neighborhood.

This Committee again expresses its appreciation of the Ward Association for the Relief of the Poor with which it has co-operated, and received valuable advice and assistance in preventing many cases of imposture from obtaining relief, and judiciously dispensing assistance to the needy, they believe that if these Ward Relief Organizations were properly understood by the Churches they would be found to be valuable auxiliaries in their work among the destitute and neglected.

Fourth Committee—On Mothers' Meetings.

These meetings were commenced on December 7th, 1878, and continued till May 9th, 1879.

Number held,	18
Garments sold,	127
Amount contributed,	\$15.50
Incidental expenses,	4.41
Balance over,	\$11.09

During the present season the meetings were resumed on November 7th, with a gratifying attendance which has increased; the members meet on Friday evenings, and while working, some entertaining or instructive book is read.

Fifth Committee—On Missionary Work, have acted in connection with that of District Visiting.

Sixth Committee—On Music.

The Chairman reports that the choir numbers as follows:

Soprano voices,	13
Alto "	8
Bass "	4
Tenor "	3
Organist, Leader and Blower,	3
	31

Their services are voluntarily rendered, not only on Sundays, but also during the week, they meet to practise on Wednesday evenings, after the service. Your Committee feel that the thanks of the congregation are again due to them for the very faithful, hearty and cheerful manner with which they have performed their duties and led in the simple congregational singing which has been so characteristic of all our services.

The last committee on the list is that of the Young Men's Association. This committee has been reorganized after an interim of several years, and is now in successful operation. Its object is to afford instructive amusement and recreation to the young men and older boys of our Church and Sunday School. To this end the lower rooms of the parish building are open every Tuesday evening from 7 to 10 o'clock, tickets being distributed to those of certain age. The number in attendance is very gratifying, the average for December having been more than 40. A portion of the committee are present each evening, and the time is employed in reading and games, with occasional reading of selected and humorous pieces by some one designated.

It is hoped that some way may be found to interest and entertain those of the opposite sex and of similar age.*

During the year there have been several special committees who have performed duties determined upon by the Association.

These committees are—

That on Fruit and Floral Festival.

" " Excursion to Atlantic City.

" " Dressing the Church at Christmas.

These have faithfully attended to the work assigned them, and the pecuniary results will be seen in the Treasurer's report.

Another special committee has now charge of entertainments for the purpose of increasing the revenue of the Church.

The Treasurer of the Association reports:

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hand from 1878,	\$89.75
Collections and Mite Chests,	48.22
From Festival of 1878,	8.25
Net profit from Strawberry Festival,	265.79
	<u>\$412.01</u>

EXPENDED.

Accounting Warden for Church Expenses,	\$240.00
Benevolent Purposes,	72.84
Expenses Easter Anniversary and sundry items,	62.50
	<u>\$375.34</u>
Balance,	\$36.67

Grouping together then the various Treasurer's reports, and we find the total amount from all sources, including pew rental, subscriptions, collections, donations, entertainments, etc., was

\$5,950.27

and the expenditures were

Support of the Church, including interest on	
Ground-rent,	\$3,551.72
Repairs and Improvements,	188.32
Support of Sunday Schools, Library, etc.,	252.26
Printing and Expenses of Anniversary, Christmas	
Festival and Dressing Church at Christmas	
and Easter,	235.65
Missionary Purposes,	663.55
Convention Fund,	100.00
Accounting Warden deficit, 1878,	515.00
	<u>\$5,506.50</u>
Balance,	\$443.77

* A Sewing Circle was commenced to meet this object on February 3d; much interest is manifested.

Represented by Balances.

Accounting Warden, including \$200 from Sunday School,	\$321.53
Mothers' Meeting,	11.09
Treasurer Sunday School,	74.48
Treasurer Parish Association,	36.67
	<hr/> \$443.77

We have thus presented briefly but as fully as possible the work of this parish during the past year. Its record is as we ourselves have made it and known alone to the great searcher of hearts. Behind these figures and statistics may there have been the earnest consecration and devotion to the Lord's work, otherwise our labor, as far as we ourselves are concerned, will have been in vain.

May, therefore, the earnest resolve and purpose of each member of this congregation to-night be for a deeper consciousness of the love of Christ, and a higher sense of our fellowship with Him. And as on this day the Church brings to our remembrance in her catalogue of Apostles and Martyrs the power and fervor of the greatest Missionary to which her annals testify, in the conversion of Saint Paul, may we realize that we can emulate no nobler spirit in our desire for better and higher ideas of Christian duty and privilege, and as in the language of the collect for the day we pray, "Grant, we beseech thee, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show forth our thankfulness to thee by following the holy doctrine which he taught." So, also, we may, as he did when aroused to a full consciousness of the love and sacrifice of Jesus of Nazareth, our Saviour and Redeemer, say, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" We stand almost on the threshold of the Lenten season, may we strive during its sacred and holy days to cultivate the spirit and power of the great Apostle, and may the Lord Jesus, who stood by Paul, stand by and with us in every duty, that so having passed through things temporal, we fail not finally to attain the things which are eternal.

Your friends and fellow-workers,

CHAS. D. COOPER, Rector.
GEO. C. THOMAS,
ROBERT KYLE,
WM. D. THOMAS,

Committee.

SEVENTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PARISH ASSOCIATION

OF THE

CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES

PHILADELPHIA.

As READ AT THE ANNIVERSARY, THURSDAY EVENING, JANUARY 23, 1881

PHILADELPHIA:
McLAUGHLIN BROTHERS' BOOK AND JOB PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT:
112 AND 114 SOUTH THIRD STREET.
1881.

Report.

Philadelphia, January 23d, 1881.

TO THE CONGREGATION
OF THE
CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES.

As usual on this, the Fourth Sunday in January, the Committee of the Parish Association, appointed for the purpose, herewith presents as full a summary of the work of the past year as it is possible to give; and in doing so, we would again remind you of the object of our organization, as stated in a former Report.

“The Association was established in 1874, with a view of enlisting the active co-operation of the members of the Congregation in the work which is laid upon our Church, and to bring at the meetings the operations of the several Committees before the members, to stimulate to renewed effort and to consult as to future measures to the same end.”

In our last Report it was stated that the meetings had been changed from Wednesday evenings to Monday, once a month; this plan, which was found to work well at first, has been abandoned on the ground of there being so many other meetings and services, and an Amendment to the Constitution was adopted by which hereafter they will be held on the last Wednesday evenings of the months of February, May, September and November in each year.

The Rector reports that the services of the Church have been held regularly—twice every Sunday, except during the month of August, and that on the Sundays in Lent there was Evening Prayer, with a short address in the afternoon, and an extra service in the evening; also several additional meetings after the regular evening service, before Confirmation: During the Lenten season, an afternoon service was held in the Church on

Thursdays, at which many who could not attend in the evening were present. There have also been the customary services on Holy Days and Thanksgiving Day, as in previous years. The Wednesday evening lecture is continued, as usual, and was united with the Teachers' Meeting during the entire summer.

The attendance at our services and weekly meetings, while it is exceedingly gratifying, and pronounced by those of other parishes who have been with us, as comparing very favorably with their own, yet the Rector, to quote from our last Report, "is compelled to deplore the absence of many who should enter the courts of the Lord, there are those who have been baptized and confirmed in the Episcopal Church, whose children are enrolled in the Sunday School, who consider themselves as connected with the Parish, receiving the visits of the Minister, and his consolation and assistance at the time of trouble, who yet are never seen in the Sanctuary, it is his earnest wish that all who are regular in their attendance, and the members of the Association should co-operate with him, in inducing such persons to come to Church.

During the Advent season, a series of special sermons were preached on the Sunday evenings by Bishop Stevens, Bishop Jaggar and Rev. Messrs. McVickar and Bugbee. Bishop Vail, of Kansas, was present on the evening of the Sunday before Advent, and delivered an address on his work in that large and increasing State.

There have been during 1880:

Infant Baptisms,	53
Adult "	3
Confirmed Males,	3
" Females,	12
	— 15
Funerals Attended,	27
Marriages Solemnized,	8
Present Number of Communicants, about,	*450
Amount of Communion Offerteries,	\$113.53

The Holy Communion is administered every Second Sunday in the month, and Infant Baptism on the Fourth Sunday.

Since this Parish has been in existence, the summary of the statistics is as follows:

Baptisms, Infants, 647. Adults, 48,	695
Confirmed, twelve occasions,	387
Funerals,	347
Marriages,	131

* It is impossible to furnish an absolute list of the Communicants.

The Accounting Warden presents the following Statements of his Accounts, which are herewith submitted.

DR. BY ACCOUNT. 1880.

January 1, Balance on hand,	\$ 121.53
Received from Pew Rents,	2,139.64
" Collections,	509.84
" Subscriptions,	375.00
" Sunday Schools,	485.36
" Contributions for Organ, etc.,	850.00
" Concert,	67.25
" Strawberry Festival,	260.00
" Entertainment and Tea Party,	135.00
" Excursion,	20.51
" Special Subscriptions,	142.00
Sundry Items,	98.49
	<hr/> \$5,204.62

CR. BY PAYMENTS.

Rector,	\$2,000.00
Sexton, and Small Bills,	412.85
Ground Rent,	600.00
New Organ, Alterations to Choir Gallery, Music Books, Blower, Organ Tuning, etc.,	888.15
Iron Railing,	339.00
Alterations and Repairs,	122.88
Gas,	264.05
Coal,	272.10
Summer Supply to Church,	70.00
Episcopal Hospital,	39.02
Indian Missions,	24.19
Insurance,	60.00
Dressing the Church, towards Christmas,	11.00
Sundries,	82.60
	<hr/> \$5,185.84
Balance, January 1, 1881,	\$18.78

Comparing this Report with that of last year, several small items of difference will be noted:

FIRST. The increase in total amount of money received and disbursed; this has been occasioned, in great part, by the sum which was contributed by friends of the Rector for the purchase of the new organ, and the extra amount furnished by three members of the Congregation towards the improving and refurnishing of the Choir Gallery; also by the successful effort on the part of the Congregation and Sunday Schools in providing the funds for the placing of an Iron Railing around the front and side of the

Church building, tending to the better security and protection of the property.

SECOND. That the revenue from pew rents is some \$200 greater, and that from the Sunday collections, has fallen off to a larger amount.

THIRD. The item "Gas and Fuel" shows an increase of some \$178; this is, in part, owing to the larger number of occasions when the rooms have been opened of an evening, and also that a supply of coal for the entire year was laid in at the low rates of the spring.

The Warden again asks the most careful and earnest attention of the Congregation to the following facts, some of which were stated before.

FIRST. The small number of pews rented.

SECOND. The moderate rental at which they are placed; a whole pew can be had for \$4 a year, and one in the middle of the Church for from \$20 to \$30.

THIRD. That the Sunday Schools are supported entirely by the teachers and their friends, and have not only not asked the Congregation for anything, but have contributed \$485.36 to the support of the Church.

In view of these, and the important fact, besides, that the revenue of the Parish is not sufficient to meet the current expenses, he again asks that all who can will speedily secure a pew or sitting; this not only would make every family feel there was a place for them in the Church and at the services, but would aid materially in solving the question of supporting our work here.

The Warden believes that the members of the Congregation will do their part, when the subject is personally and properly brought before them. Towards the close of 1880, it was found that our balance for the year would be on the wrong side, unless some effort was made to prevent it. Accordingly, the Vestry sent to each pew-holder, and every known member of the Congregation, an appeal to contribute such sum as they could afford, and enclosing a blank for the filling in of a name and subscription.

Including the members of the Vestry, this was, up to the 1st of January, when the yearly accounts are made up, \$392; and since that time, about \$160 additional has been received; this amount has been contributed by 64 different persons.

In this connection he would present the following:—

Amount necessary to meet the expenses of this Church for the year 1881:

Rector's and Sexton's Salaries, and Ground Rent,	\$2,900
Coal, Gas and Small Bills,	400
Convention Fund, two years,	100
Insurance,	75
Music, say,	250
Repairs, Improvements and Sundries,	200
Say,	\$3,925
Or more probably nearer,	4,000
Available Pew-Rents,	\$2,200
Sunday Collections, say,	500
	<u>\$2,700</u>
Deficit,	\$1,300

How this is to be met is the question, and one which recurs every year; the Sunday School will cheerfully, as in the past, bear part of this burden, but the Congregation will have to be called upon to take an equal share; a strong, united effort on the part of all would settle this question, and prevent the necessity for such mortifying statements in the future.

The Warden would call attention to the reduction of the yearly ground rent from \$600 to \$500; he would also return the sincere thanks of the Vestry to those persons who have so generously and nobly responded to the appeal which was made to settle up the accounts of 1880.

The usual Fruit and Floral Festival was held on June last, and netted nearly \$300.

The various Committees of the Association report as follows: First—Sunday Schools and Bible Classes.

Number on the Rolls, Officers and Teachers,	69
Scholars,	887
	<u>956</u>

The average attendance during the entire year has been:

Teachers,	59
Scholars,	650
	<u>709</u>

The largest attendance was Easter Sunday, March 28, 904

The smallest attendance was Sunday, August 8, 439

The average above noted shows a falling off from last year of 37; this may be accounted for from the excessive number of rainy and stormy Sundays, fifteen of such, or more than one-

fourth of the whole number, having occurred during the twelve months. The total number on the roll is also less, which is occasioned by removing the names of all scholars who may be termed chronic absentees, and carefully revising the rolls.

The school is at present in excellent working order, the teachers very faithful in their attendance, and great interest taken in the lessons. The average attendance of teachers for the year is the best evidence of this; as will be observed, it was 59 out of 69, or nearly 90 per cent. Exclusive of July and August, it was nearly 95 per cent.

Since our last Report, the International Series of Sunday-School Lessons were reluctantly abandoned, after a full consultation and the unanimous vote of the teachers at a meeting where every one was present, and the whole school is now engaged in the study of the Uniform Scheme of Lessons adapted to the church year by the Diocesan Committees appointed by a number of the Bishops. This scheme is in use in every diocese and missionary jurisdiction, and in nearly twenty-five hundred Sunday-schools. The present series, embracing the season from Advent to Trinity, is upon "The Words of the Lord Jesus," and the leaflets used are those published by the "Standard of the Cross," one of the very best of our church papers. Copies of the journal itself are placed before our teachers on every Sunday, not only giving them most excellent notes on the lesson, but furnishing the best information with reference to church work in this country and England, with editorial matter suited to the Church and the times. The International Lessons were abandoned not from any want of sympathy with Christian work elsewhere, but because it was believed that our scholars would grow up to be more intelligent members of the Protestant Episcopal Church by the adoption of a series in accordance with the church year and its teaching, so that, both in the service and the lesson for the day, there might be acting upon all the same thoughts and scenes.

It is, perhaps, well to add that the Sunday-School Association of this city has endorsed the scheme, and prepares a course of Bible Readings for every day, in harmony with the lesson for each Sunday. Arranged as suitable for the days of the preceding weeks, these Readings are distributed gratuitously, and our own school has gladly availed of them, and is under obligations to the Association.

The influence of the school, which has ever been a strong one in this diocese, has undoubtedly been increased by the course taken upon the lessons.

In our last Report mention was made of a competitive examination on the lessons. During the past six months the scholars were notified that prizes would be distributed for punctual attendance and recitation of lessons, divided into three grades, and this afternoon 99 of the scholars received the gifts provided. Of these, 58 were entitled to the first prize, 15 to the second, and 26 to the third. 25 Bibles, 20 Prayer-Books and Hymnals in case, 10 Prayer-Books and 44 other books were given. During the present six months the same method will prevail, but the successful ones will be entered on a roll instead of receiving prizes.

Many of the Sunday lesson reviews have been increased in interest by the beautiful diagrams prepared by a member of the Men's Bible Class.

The weekly teachers' meetings are continued, and during the summer were combined with the Wednesday evening service. They are held on Friday evenings, and the members of the congregation are always welcome. The attendance has averaged as follows: Teachers, 41; other persons, 14; total, 55. This meeting has been found very useful, as in former years, in preparing older scholars for the work of teaching.

The Christmas services of the schools were postponed from Sunday, December 26th, to the evening of January 2d, by reason of the terrible storm prevailing upon the former. The carols were very effectively rendered, and addresses were delivered by the Rev. Dr. Atkins and the Rector. The usual Christmas entertainment was given on Tuesday afternoon and evening, December 28th, and all were greatly delighted.

A special feature of this year's holiday season was the bringing of a large number of useful articles, including provisions, groceries, poultry, etc., on the day before Christmas, by the scholars, in response to the Superintendent's appeal of the Sunday previous. One hundred and ten different articles and packages, some of the latter very large, were brought, and fourteen families were made glad by the receipt of them.

The Easter anniversary was held, as usual, on the evening of that day, when the design—a beautiful golden temple, emblematic of the heaven to which our Saviour's finished work will bring us—was greatly admired, and awakened much interest.

On the 20th of June, a special service, in connection with the schools of All Saints' and Mediator parishes, was held, in commemoration of the establishment of Sunday-schools by Robert Raikes; and on July 4th there was a patriotic service by our own schools.

During the fall several missionary gatherings were held to hear addresses from Bishop Whipple, of Minnesota, and Bishop Penick, of Africa, and the Rev. Mr. Gilfillan, of White Earth, Minnesota, all of whom have been helped by our scholars. Great interest was manifested by all at the burning words heard on these occasions.

The Library was most carefully overhauled by a Special Committee, new volumes purchased, and re-opened in September; the number of books on the shelves is 664.

The Treasurer of the School reports:

Balance on hand from 1879, including \$200 handed Warden, January 5, 1880,	\$ 274.48
Total Amount Contributed and Collected by Teachers and Scholars in 1880,	1,324.47
	\$1,598.95

EXPENDED.

Support of the Church,	\$ 400.00
Collected for Iron Railing,	85.36
Library, for thoroughly refurnishing and refitting same,	195.60
Missionary purposes:	
Bishop Whipple,	50.00
" Penick,	50.00
Mexican Work,	50.00
Philadelphia City Missions,	25.00
Sick Diet Kitchen,	10.00
First Day Society,	15.00
Sufferers by Milton Fire,	25.00
Church of the Holy Apostles, White Earth Reservation Minnesota,	50.00
Episcopal Hospital,	27.00
Various Mission'y and Charitable Objects,	100.00
Printing, Lesson Papers, etc., Standard of the Cross for Teachers,	160.00
Christmas Festival and Easter Anniversary,	137.63
Sundries,	29.32
	<hr/> \$1,409.91
Balance,	\$189.04

The Schools united again with other Schools in the Special Lenten Missionary Offering, and with the Congregation on the Sunday following Thanksgiving Day, in contributing to the Episcopal Hospital.

Second Committee.—Parish Library.

The Chairman states that the number of books is 900, but during the past year has been very little used. One of the cases

has been removed to the larger Bible Class Room, where its contents are availed of by the young men who are present at the Tuesday evening social gatherings.

A number of religious papers are on file, including The Episcopal Register, Standard of the Cross, and Churchman.

Third Committee.—Church Hospitality.

They can give no statistical report of their work, their duty being to extend a hearty welcome to strangers, of whom many are present at every service.

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Fifth Committee.—Mothers' Meetings.

These were commenced November 7th, 1879, and continued till April 23d, 1880.

Number held,	24
Garments sold,	169
Balance from last year,	\$11.09
Received,	60.05
	<hr/> \$71.14
Expended,	59.98
Balance in hand,	\$11.16

These meetings have not yet been resumed the present year.

Sixth Committee.—On Missionary Work, have acted in connection with that of District Visiting.

Seventh Committee.—On Music.

They report that the Choir is composed of about 30 persons, and that the average number present at the services during the year has been 18. The re-arrangement of the choir gallery, with proper receptacles for the books, with music stands, and the larger organ, has greatly increased the interest, and we hope improved the character of the singing, the present instrument being much better calculated to support the choristers than the former one. During the present winter, a class of instruction in Vocal Music was formed, and is now in successful operation, under the direction of George F. Bishop; it meets on Monday evenings, and numbers 63 ladies and gentlemen. A small sum is charged, which provides entirely for the expenses incurred, and it is confidently believed will aid the efficiency of the Choir.

Eighth Committee.—Young Men's Association.

Mention was made in our last Report of the reorganization of this work, and we are now able to state that it has been attended with very gratifying results. The object is to afford instructive amusement and recreation to the young men and older boys of our Church and Sunday School. To this end the lower rooms of the parish building are open every Tuesday evening from 7 to 10 o'clock, tickets being distributed to those of certain age. The number in attendance is very gratifying, the average having been more than 40. A portion of the committee are present each evening, and the time is employed in reading and games, with occasional reading of selected and humorous pieces by some one designated. The meetings were continued till the last of May, and resumed the middle of November.

Ninth Committee.—Young Ladies' Sewing Circle.

This work, which was briefly alluded to in a foot-note to the Report of 1879, has become one of the most interesting in our parish history. Eighteen sessions were held, with an average present of 10 teachers and 27 scholars.

The objects of this effort may be briefly stated: To interest the older girls of our school in making garments which may be distributed to needy children in the Sunday School, and to teach writing to those who may desire to improve themselves in this way, and to promote a kindly social feeling. The lecture-room is used for this purpose, and the doors between it and the Bible-

Class room are kept open, so that the Young Men's reading-room and Young Ladies' Sewing Circle are virtually thrown together. Through the kindness of some friends, a piano has been furnished, and as many of our scholars are learning to play upon that instrument, there is music furnished every evening. Your Committee would gladly welcome any from the congregation who feel an interest in looking at this work. They will be well repaid for stopping in some Tuesday evening and looking at the cheerful rooms and the bright, happy faces of the scholars.

The Committee gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

4 pieces unbleached muslin.	1 piece red flannel.
2 pieces gingham.	10 yards muslin.
Needles, cotton, etc., etc., and writing materials.	
Garments made, about 150.	
" distributed, about 100.	

The necessary funds have also been provided without expense to the Association.

Several special committees have performed duties determined upon by the Association. These committees are:

That on Concert, Literary Entertainment, and Tea Party.

" " Fruit and Floral Festival.

" " Excursion to Atlantic City.

" " Dressing the Church at Christmas.

These have faithfully attended to the work assigned them.

In addition, committees of male members of the congregation have assisted in preserving order, and seating those in attendance at the Christmas and Easter celebrations.

The Treasurer of the Association reports:

Balance on hand from 1879,	\$36.67
Collections and Subscriptions,	29.42
Vocal and Literary Entertainment,	113.50
Musical Entertainment and Supper,	158.00
Fruit and Floral Festival,	260.00
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	\$597.59
Paid Fixing Garden Plants,	\$22.42
" Young Men's Association,	3.80
" Accounting Warden, for Church Expenses,	395.00
" Treasurer of Sunday School, for Library Fund,	135.00
" Sundry Bills,	4.90
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	561.12
Balance	<hr/>
	\$36.47

Grouping together, then, the various Treasurers' reports, and we find the total amount received from all sources, including—

Pew Rents, Subscriptions, Donations, Entertainments,
Offeritory, etc., was \$6,570.47

and the expenditures were:

Support of the Church, including Interest on	
Ground Rent, Insurance, etc.,	\$3,803.72
Repairs, etc.,	122.88
Improvements, mainly Iron Railing and altering	
Choir Gallery,	527.15
New Organ,	700.00
Support of Sunday Schools and refurnishing	
Library,	324.92
Printing and Expenses Christmas Festival and	
Easter Anniversary,	197.63
Missionary Purposes,	638.72
	<hr/> 6,315.02
Balance,	\$255.45

Represented by balances:

Church Warden,	\$18.78
Treasurer Sunday School,	189.04
" Parish Association,	36.47
" Mother's Meeting,	11.16
	<hr/> \$255.45

We have thus briefly presented to you the statistics of another year's work. It has been a year free from excitement, but with our services fully maintained; and although a smaller number were found to consecrate themselves to Christ in the rite of Confirmation, still it is hoped that the equally important, and too often overlooked duty of building up those who have professed the Christian faith in its most holy precepts, has been pressed as never before.

We complete this evening the thirteenth year of the history of the parish. During the period passed over since its organization there have been many changes in the outside world, in the city and neighborhood, in the diocese, and in the Church at large. To us, here, the scene has not shifted so much. We have had but one Rector, one Superintendent of the Sunday School, one Sexton; the Wardens are the same as when the Vestry was first organized, and six of the teachers who taught at the first regular session of the school are at their posts to-day. The Infant Department has had for over twelve years the same head, and

the Men's Bible Class retains the teacher who began its sessions. Several classes have retained and hold at the present time scholars who have grown to years of discretion, and still remain with the teachers who first took their charge. Scholars who came into the Sunday School as little children are now faithful teachers; and of the thirty-two who came to inaugurate the Sunday School on the 26th day of January, 1868, several yet remain on the roll. These facts are remarkable, and speak volumes. During all this time we have lived at peace both at home and abroad; no unseemly strife has ever invaded our Zion; all here have seemed to realize the truth of the well-known lines, and to say, slightly altering them:

"We love Thy Kingdom, Lord,
The house of Thine abode;
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With His most precious blood."

May this dear Church continue to be in the future as in the past—a bulwark of truth—and may all of us, when done with this life, be partakers of Christ's heavenly Kingdom.

Grant, Lord, that we who worship here,
May all at last in heaven appear.

Brethren, let us "provoke one another to love and good works," "be kindly affectioned one toward another with brotherly love," "not slothful in business, fervent in spirit serving the Lord," and "hold fast the profession of our Faith, without wavering; for He is faithful that promised."

Your friends and fellow-workers,

CHARLES D. COOPER, Rector,
GEO. C. THOMAS,
R. A. KYLE,
WM. D. THOMAS.

Committee.

EIGHTH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
PARISH ASSOCIATION
OF THE
CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES
PHILADELPHIA.

AS READ AT THE ANNIVERSARY, SUNDAY EVE'NG, JAN. 29, 1882.

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Report.

Philadelphia, January 29th, 1882.

TO THE CONGREGATION
OF THE
CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES.

The Committee appointed for the purpose, herewith presents the Eighth Annual Report of the Parish Association, comprising as complete an account of the work of the year as it is possible to give.

The Rector reports that the services of the Church have been held regularly twice every Sunday during the entire year; extra services were held during Lent, and the usual Wednesday evening lecture is continued, being united with the teachers' meeting in the months of July, August and September. There have also been the customary services on Holy Days and Thanksgiving Day, as in former years, and also on the day set apart by the Governor of the Commonwealth for prayer in behalf of the recovery of President Garfield, and in special funeral services as set forth by the Bishop on the day of the obsequies of our late lamented Chief Magistrate in Cleveland.

The attendance at our services and weekly meetings, while it is exceedingly gratifying, and pronounced by those of other parishes who have been with us, as comparing very favorably with their own, yet the Rector, to quote from a former Report, "is compelled to deplore the absence of many who should enter the courts of the Lord; there are those who have been baptized and confirmed in the Episcopal Church, whose children are enrolled in the Sunday School, who consider themselves as connected with the Parish, receiving the visits of the Minister, and his consolation and assistance at the time of trouble, who yet are never seen in the Sanctuary, it is his earnest

wish that all who are regular in their attendance, and the members of the Association should coöperate with him, in inducing such persons to come to Church."

There have been during 1881:

Infant Baptisms,	41
Adult "	1
Confirmed,	14
Funerals attended,	29
Marriages solemnized,	2
Present number of Communicants, about	460

The Holy Communion is administered every Second Sunday in the month, and Infant Baptism on the Fourth Sunday.

Since the Parish has been in existence, the summary of the statistics is as follows:

Baptisms, Infants, 688. Adults, 49,	737
Confirmed, thirteen occasions,	401
Funerals,	376
Marriages,	133

With the full consent of the Vestry, and followed by the prayers and best wishes of the Congregation, the Rector and his wife sailed on the 4th of May for a six months absence in Europe. By the unanimous choice of the Vestry, Rev. E. H. Supplee assumed the charge of the Parish during the Rector's sojourn abroad, and labored earnestly, faithfully and acceptably. All the services were kept up, during a summer of unparalleled excitement and intense heat, and his visits of mercy to the sick, dying and bereaved, were full of consolation and sympathy.

On the Tuesday evening before the departure of the Rector, a farewell service was held in the Church, which was very largely attended. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Appleton, Rev. Mr. Supplee, and the Rector, after which the members of the Congregation personally wished him God-speed.

On his return a social reception was tendered in the Sunday School room. The members of the choir furnished choice music, and addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Appleton, Rev. Mr. Bugbee, Rev. R. N. Thomas, and the Rector.

The Accounting Warden presents the following statement of his accounts, which are herewith submitted:

DR. BY RECEIPTS. 1881.

January 1st, Balance on hand,	\$ 18.78
Received from Pew Rents,	2,061.69
" Collections,	586.00
" Subscriptions, outside the Parish,	83.00
" " within " "	498.53
" Sunday Schools,	421.39
" Excursion,	37.20
Sundry Items,	19.53
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	\$3,726.12

CR. BY PAYMENTS.

Rector, and Supply during his absence,	\$2,083.33
Sexton,	400.00
Ground Rent,	500.00
Music, including Instruction of the Choir,	
Organ Tuning, &c.,	372.69
Alteration and Repairs,	161.83
Gas,	220.00
Insurance,	60.00
Episcopal Hospital,	44.25
Convention Fund,	50.00
Sundries,	133.73
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	4,025.83
Deficit, January 1, 1882,	\$299.71

Since the first of January, by the efforts of the Vestry, aided by friends outside the Parish, and seconded by many liberal persons in the Congregation, this deficit has not only been wiped out, but the payments due January 1st have all been met. This is, in part, owing to the fact that subscriptions have been obtained covering the entire amount of the ground rent for a period of three years from January 1st. Twelve persons have thus pledged \$500 per annum for this purpose.

As in the latter part of 1880, the Vestry appealed to the members of the Congregation for special subscriptions; this was responded to by fifty-three persons, who contributed \$313.50, but of this sum \$100 was donated by two members of the Vestry for the erection of a new and substantial fence at the rear of the Church building, in place of the old one blown down. This will appear in the next report. This new fence was kindly painted, without cost to us, by the courtesy of a former member.

With the help afforded by the assumption of the yearly ground rent, the Congregation should unquestionably provide the balance needed to meet our ordinary expenses. This can easily be done if those who attend the Church, and can afford to do so, would rent sittings or pews. The present pew rental of the Church is about \$2,200 per annum; with very little effort this can be increased \$500. A sitting can be obtained for the small sum of \$1 a year, or two cents a Sunday, and the highest priced one in the Church is but \$12. For ten cents a Sunday a sitting in a most eligible part of the Church may be obtained. There are many who constantly attend the services who have probably never had this subject thus brought to their attention. It is very unpleasant for the Warden and Vestry to have to appeal so constantly outside, and also to ask, as we are obliged to do, the few who are always contributing within the Parish, and it is therefore hoped that this plain statement of the facts of the case will lead to a different state of things in the future.

As the matter now stands, our annual expenses are	
about,	\$4,000
We have available—	
Pew Rents, say	\$2,200
Sunday Collections, say,	600
Subscriptions,	100
Ground Rent Pledges,	500
From the Sunday School,	300
	———— 3,700

So that we really only need some \$300 to place us free from deficiency. An increase in the pew rental should do this without much effort. In this connection it is probably worth suggesting that those who can afford it might quietly rent a pew or sitting, in addition to their own, for the occupancy of some person not able themselves to do so.

The condition of the carpets also reminds us that their replenishing is only a question of time; they have been down now for more than eleven years. If a strong, united effort is made, the Congregation can not only provide for the expenses, but for this renewal besides.

It is with pleasure we turn from these details to the effective work of the Association, which is confided to the following Committees:

First—Sunday Schools and Bible Classes.

Number on the Roll, Officers and Teachers,	68
Scholars,	896
	———— 964

The average attendance during the entire year has been:

Officers and Teachers,	56
Scholars,	647
	———— 703
The largest attendance was Easter Sunday, April 17,	876
The smallest attendance was Sunday, August 21,	360
Exclusive of July and August, the average attendance of Teachers and Scholars was	750

The average above stated shows a falling off from that of the previous year of six; all of which is entirely accounted for by the holding of a summer morning session during July and August. This was deemed to be both a wise and expedient move, as the instruction could be imparted better in the cooler hours of the morning, and, besides, more of the scholars would be likely to attend the Church service. The result proved the decision to be a proper one, and, although the attendance was less, the benefit was greater.

The Uniform Scheme of Diocesan Lessons is still taught in all the classes, and both teachers and scholars evince deep interest in its study. The Standard of the Cross Lesson Helps are still used, and copies of the paper are furnished each week to every teacher, not only giving full notes on the Lessons, but information with reference to Church work both here and in England. In this connection it is gratifying to state that these Lessons are being yearly used by a larger number of schools, and in our own city they are taught in about sixty schools. The present series is on New Testament Biography.

In our last Report it was mentioned that the influence of the school outside in the Diocese had been undoubtedly increased by the adoption of these Lessons. This may be seen by stating the fact, that full and admirable notes on each week's Lessons are furnished to and published in the "Standard of the Cross," which are written by one of the Bible Class Teachers of our school. The interest of the school, and its representation in the Sunday School Association of the Church, has unquestionably aided that body in its work of improving and assisting this scheme of Lessons. The daily Bible Readings, which are now prepared by the Association and published upon all the leaflets, had their origin in this school.

The Sunday School Association held its annual meeting this year in our Church, when the sermon was preached by the Rev. G. H. Kinsolving, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany in this city.

The weekly teachers' meetings are continued, and during the summer were combined with the Wednesday evening service. They are held on Friday evenings, and are attended, as in previous years, by older scholars who may have the desire to become teachers, and the instruction is aimed to be of such a character as to educate them

for this purpose. The large number of these graduates now teaching in our school is the best evidence to the practical work of this meeting.

The average attendance at this meeting has been : 33 Teachers, and 10 others.

The usual Christmas services were held upon the evening of that day by the Main School and Bible Classes, and upon the Tuesday afternoon of Christmas week by the Infant School.

The Easter anniversary exercises were conducted upon the evening of that day, when the design was a rock with open door, indicative of the Sepulchre on the Resurrection Morn.

The Christmas festival was held on Tuesday evening, December 27th, when a delightful entertainment was furnished by a number of members of our own school, assisted by their friends. All present heartily enjoyed the occasion. The Infant School was supplied with gifts in the afternoon ; but on neither occasion was there any candy, the scholars themselves, several years ago, decided against this.

The same plan was followed this year, as last, in bringing to the school building, on the afternoon before Christmas, of donations of provisions, poultry, groceries, &c., for distribution among those not so highly favored. One hundred and twenty-six different articles and packages were thus brought.

Through the liberality of one of the members of the Vestry, and his friends, the Lecture and Bible Class Rooms have been frescoed and painted, adding very much to the attractiveness of their appearance. Another member had the Infant School Room also decorated and with appropriate texts upon the walls. The great improvement which this work has been seen to have caused had led the Sunday School to undertake the work of decorating the large main room. This will be commenced immediately.

To increase the offerings of the scholars, it has been deemed best to systematize them, and, after due deliberation, it was decided to set apart a special object for each Sunday of the month, thus :

First Sunday—For the poor of the Sunday School.

Second Sunday—For the expenses of the Church.

Third Sunday—For the expenses of the School.

Fourth Sunday—For missionary and charitable purposes.

The offerings already show an increase, and it is believed this plan will work to advantage.

The Library now numbers about 700 volumes, and its privileges are gladly availed of by the scholars. Teachers' Reference Library, 200 volumes.

The Treasurer of the School reports :

Balance on hand from 1881,	\$ 189.04
Total amount of Contributions and Collections, 1881,	1,421.38
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	\$1,610.42

EXPENDED.

Support of the Church,	\$527.99
Support of the Sunday School, including Books,	
Leaflets, &c.,	421.13
Anniversary and Christmas expenses,	70.50
Missionary purposes :	
Bishop Whipple,	50.00
" Penick,	50.00
" Vail,	50.00
" Whittaker,	50.00
Mexican work,	50.00
St. James' Church Parish School,	25.00
Hospital Good Shepherd, Radnor,	25.00
" P. E. Church,	32.84
Philadelphia Tract and Mission Society,	15.00
P. E. Sunday School Association,	10.00
30th Ward Relief Association,	25.00
Society for the Protection of Children from	
Cruelty,	34.81
Sunday School in Laramie,	5.00
" " " Louisville,	5.00
Sufferers by Michigan fire,	46.80
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	\$1,494.07
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	\$116.35

The Warden's Report is to January 1st ; the Treasurer of the School reports to the annual meeting—hence the differences in the two reports as to the amount given to the Church by the School.

The Treasurer has prepared carefully arranged rolls, with pocket attached, for the collections, which are used by the classes and returned to him every Sunday, with attendance noted, &c. These have proved to be exceedingly satisfactory, and we have had the pleasure of assisting other schools in the way of sample copies.

A number of clergymen and laymen have been present at our sessions, from time to time, as visitors, and letters are received every year from Missionary Bishops and others in grateful acknowledgment of the help given by the School. It is also very gratifying to the Superintendent to hear, as he does, from teachers and scholars who have removed to distant parts of our country and are there engaged in Christian work. In one such instance a lady teacher has

been called to superintend a school in one of our newest Western towns, and in the short space of six months increased the attendance threefold.

One of our recent visitors was a Secretary of the Church of England S. S. Institute.

Visitors are always welcome to the School, but none more so than the parents of the scholars.

Rev. Dr. Newton preached to the entire schools on Sunday, January 22d, when the service was rendered very heartily by the scholars.

During the summer, the sad and mysterious experiences through which our country passed in the assassination and subsequent terrible suffering of President Garfield, there were appropriate services on several occasions, concluding with a Memorial one on Sunday, September 25th.

A welcome was also extended to the Rector on his return home, when scholars representing the various departments made addresses to him, and while he was absent the following prayer, which was printed and distributed, was used at every school session and in the private devotions of a large number:

"O Eternal and Everlasting God, we would devoutly implore Thy blessing and protection upon Thy servants, our beloved Rector, and his wife. Guard them, we beseech Thee, from all dangers by sea and land; from sickness, and from every evil to which they may be exposed. Conduct them in safety through all their travels, and in Thy good time grant that they may return to us again in renewed health and strength, with a grateful sense of all Thy mercies, and with increased zeal and love for Thy work.

"We ask all through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN."

Second Committee.—Parish Library.

The Chairman of this Committee deplors the fact that so few of the books are used. This Library contains about 900 volumes; but one of the cases has been removed to the larger Bible Class Room and is availed of at the Tuesday evening social gatherings.

A Committee of the Association, with the Chairman of this Committee at its head, is now considering the feasibility of combining all the libraries in the building under one head and in one room; this is, of necessity, a matter requiring careful consideration.

The plan adopted by many Parish Libraries of availing largely of the cheap publication of standard literature may be worth a trial in our Library; at any rate, the bringing of such works within the reach of all has been one cause why our Library is not better patronized. At the same time it is a cause for encouragement that so powerful an antidote has been found to baneful and pernicious books.

Third Committee.—Church Hospitality.

As has been stated before in these reports, it is impossible for this Committee to give any statistical account of their work, their duty being to attend before and after the stated services on Sundays and during the week, to extend a welcome to strangers who may be present and furnish them with seats. They also have been the means of introducing quite a number of persons to the Rector, and of bringing others into the Sunday School, besides aiding to increase the revenues of the Church by the renting of pews and sittings.

Fourth Committee.—District Visiting.

The members of this Committee have paid about 200 visits, and have also visited and relieved a number of cases of distress, and received a number of donations of garments, &c.; they have been instrumental in bringing into the Sunday School and Church those who had no other religious connection, and others recently coming into the neighborhood.

This Committee again expresses its appreciation of the Ward Association for the Relief of the Poor with which it has coöperated, and received valuable advice and assistance in preventing many cases of imposture from obtaining relief, and judiciously dispensing assistance to the needy, they believe that if these Ward Relief Organizations were properly understood by the Churches they would be found to be valuable auxiliaries in their work among the destitute and neglected.

The Sick Diet Kitchen, established by the Episcopal City Mission, has also been a great help to this Committee, and grateful acknowledgment is expressed for its aid.

Fifth Committee.—On Music.

This Committee is composed of those who voluntarily occupy the positions of Choir in the Church. There are at present 37 members, divided as follows:

Soprano voices,	16
Alto	8
Tenor	4
Bass	7
Leader and Organist,	2

They are under the instruction weekly of Mr. George F. Bishop, and meet every Saturday evening for rehearsal. The average

attendance at the Sunday services is about 25, with faithful attention to the weekly rehearsals. The Music, as rendered, is of a hearty congregational character, and the object is to lead.

"Let the people praise Thee, O God, yea, let all the people praise Thee."

Sixth Committee.—Young Men's Association.

This work has been attended with very encouraging results. The object is to afford instructive amusement and recreation to the young men and older boys of our Church and Sunday School. To this end the lower rooms of the Parish building are open every Tuesday evening, from 7 to 10 o'clock, tickets being distributed to those of a certain age. The number in attendance is very gratifying, the average having been more than 40. A portion of the Committee are present each evening, and the time is employed in reading and games, with occasional reading of selected and humorous pieces by some one designated. The meetings were continued till the last of May, and resumed the first of November.

Seventh Committee.—Young Ladies' Sewing Circle.

This work is one of the most interesting in our Parish history. Twenty-three sessions were held, with an average present of 11 teachers and 31 scholars.

The object of this effort may be briefly stated: To interest the older girls of our school in making garments which may be distributed to needy children in the Sunday School, and to teach writing to those who may desire to improve themselves in this way, and to promote a kindly social feeling. The Lecture Room is used for this purpose, and the doors between it and the Bible Class Room are kept open, so that the Young Men's Reading Room and Young Ladies' Sewing Circle are virtually thrown together. Through the kindness of some friends, a piano has been furnished, and, as many of our scholars are learning to play upon that instrument, there is music furnished every evening. Your Committee would gladly welcome any from the congregation who feel an interest in looking at this work. They will be well repaid for stopping in some Tuesday evening and looking at the cheerful rooms and bright, happy faces of the scholars.

The Committee gratefully acknowledges the following donations:

One piece gingham.
Two pieces unbleached muslin.
Sundry pieces of calico and muslin.
Buttons, &c.
Copy books, writing materials, &c.

During the present winter there is some special entertainment provided every month for those who are present at these social meetings; and, in addition to the writing-class, it is now contemplated

to form a class in elocution, with a view to improve our young people in reading and speaking. An association has also been formed for the purpose of mental improvement, and one to furnish entertainments.

Eighth Committee.—Missionary Work.

This comprises a large number of the ladies who meet during Lent, in connection with the Women's Auxiliary of the Board of Missions. Last season their work was for a clergyman of the Church in Arkansas, and a large box of useful articles for himself and family, with books for a Mission Church and a Communion Service was forwarded before Easter. It is impossible here to enumerate the articles sent; the money value of the box, as reported and credited in the "Spirit of Missions," was \$212.63.

The same Committee is organizing for work during the approaching Lenten season, and will probably aid a clergyman in Colorado.

Probably very few persons have any idea of the amount of real good that is done in the sending of such boxes as these. On the frontier the salary of a clergyman often amounts to a few hundred dollars, and he is obliged to support a family. The letters received by the Committee from this recipient were full of gratitude and thankfulness.

Several Special Committees have performed duties, as determined upon by the Association.

These were:

Excursion to Atlantic City.

Illustrated Rambles of Judge Bick: a series of Euroscopic Exhibitions given in the Church.

Dressing the Church at Christmas.

These have faithfully attended to the work assigned them.

In addition, committees of male members of the congregation have assisted in preserving order, and seating those in attendance at the Christmas and Easter celebrations.

The Treasurer of the Association reports:

Balance on hand from 1880,	\$ 36.47
Cash received,	318.75
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	\$355.22
Payments:	
*Improvement in Lecture Room and Infant School,	\$250.00
Printing Annual Report,	26.00
Young Ladies' Sewing Circle,	10.00
Incidentals,	19.81
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	\$305.81
Balance,	<hr/>
	\$49.41

* The improvements in Lecture Room, as already stated, were done through the liberality of a member of the Vestry. The amount of this appears here on both sides of the Treasurer's accounts.

Grouping together, then, the various Treasurer's reports, and we find the total amount received from all sources, including

Pew Rents, Subscriptions, Donations, Entertainments,
Offeritory, &c., was \$5,376.40
and the expenses were :

Support of the Church, including Interest on	
Ground Rent, Insurance, &c.,	\$3,865.56
Alterations, Improvements and Repairs,	411.83
Support of Sunday Schools,	421.13
Anniversary and Christmas Expenses,	70.50
Missionary Purposes,	741.33
	<hr/> \$5,510.35
Deficit,	<hr/> \$133.95

Accounted for :

Warden, deficit,	\$299.71
S. S. Treasurer balance,	\$116.35
Parish Association,	49.41
	<hr/> 165.76
	<hr/> \$133.95

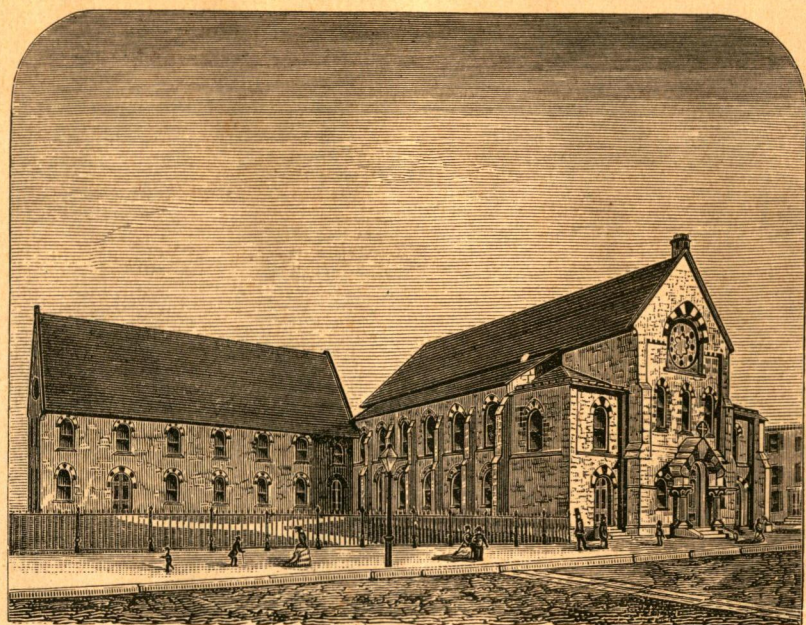
We have thus, in as brief a space as possible, presented the statistics of the work of the past year. As to results, we can say but little; it is ours to work and pray; it is God that giveth the increase. One of the secrets of the success of this Parish in the past has been the unity and harmony with which all have ever labored; and so may it be in the future. The Sunday School Scriptural Motto Text for 1882 is,

"Ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves and to all men."

Such an injunction, coming from that inspired Apostle and Christian worker, Saint Paul, should ever be the aim of every member of our Association; that thus it may be, and that the "Lord may make us to increase and abound in love one toward another and toward all men," "to the end that He may stablish our hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His Saints," is the sincere desire of

Your friends and fellow-workers,

CHARLES D. COOPER, RECTOR.
GEO. C. THOMAS,
R. A. KYLE,
WM. D. THOMAS,
Committee.



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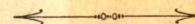
OF THE



Church of the Holy Apostles, Philadelphia.
The First Building, 1868—1873.

Church of the Holy Apostles

PHILADELPHIA.



As Read at the Anniversary, Sunday Evening, January 28th, 1883.

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PHILADELPHIA,

January 28th, 1888.

To the Congregation

OF THE

Church of the Holy Apostles :

It is customary, on this the fourth Sunday in January, for the Parish Association to make a full Report of the work of the year which has just passed ; this is done with the two-fold object of encouraging those who have labored in the field, and of inciting others to come and help in the work which by reason of the very existence of a Christian Church is laid at our doors.

As the Association was originated in 1874, the present is the Ninth Annual Report brought before you.

The stated meetings have been held regularly on the fourth Wednesday evenings of the months of February, May, September, and November, and there have been several special meetings. At all these, the various Committees at work presented Reports of their operations.

In order that all the operations of the Parish may be concisely presented, the Reports of the Rector and Warden are always included in these Annual Statements, and also at the stated meetings.

The Rector reports that the services of the Church have been held regularly—twice on every Sunday, and also on Wednesday evening—throughout the entire year. There were the usual services upon Holy Days and Thanksgiving Day, extra Lenten services, and meetings for the Confirmation Class.

The attendance at our services and weekly meetings, while it is exceedingly gratifying, and pronounced by those of other Parishes who have been with us as comparing very favorably with

their own, yet the Rector, to quote from our last Report, "is compelled to deplore the absence of many who should enter the courts of the Lord. There are those who have been baptized and confirmed in the Episcopal Church, whose children are enrolled in the Sunday-School, who consider themselves as connected with the Parish, receiving the visits of the Minister, and his consolation and assistance at the time of trouble, who yet are never seen in the Sanctuary. It is his earnest wish that all who are regular in their attendance, and the members of the Association, should co-operate with him in inducing such persons to come to church."

The Rector also refers with great pleasure and deep gratitude to the successful effort which was made during the year to entirely free the Parish from debt, by the raising of the \$10,000 to extinguish the ground-rent. This result, owing to the liberality of an old and valued friend, who pledged one-half the amount, was accomplished, and the Church Building consecrated to the service of Almighty God on St. Mark's Day, April 25th. The Bishop was assisted in the services by the Rectors of the neighboring Parishes, and a large number of the Clergy of the Diocese were also present. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Phillips Brooks, D. D., of Boston, the one who may really be called "the founder of the Parish," as it was mainly under his influence and exertions that the initial steps were taken in its organization, and by whose efforts the Church Building was erected. A memorial of this consecration has been preserved, with the signatures of the Clergy who were present, and views of the temporary and present buildings thereon.

A pleasing feature connected with the consecration was that the offertory was devoted towards the payment of the debt on St. Barnabas' Church, Haddington, under the care of the Rev. John G. Bawn.

This Church has since been also consecrated by the Bishop.

As the response of friends to the Rector's appeal for the half of the amount needed for the ground-rent, not pledged, was so generous and full, he found that he had sufficient to accomplish a greatly needed improvement; and with the full and hearty co-operation of the Vestry, under a Committee of its body acting with the Rector, the ceiling and walls of the Church have been decorated, new carpets laid upon the floors, and an eagle lecturn

of carved oak and a new pulpit placed on the chancel platform. While these improvements were being made, the services were held in the Sunday-School Building.

The financial statement of the above will be found in the Accounting Warden's Report, which immediately follows this.

In view of the encouraging results thus noted—with buildings entirely free from debt, and supplied with all the conveniences for the carrying on of the work—the Rector trusts that the members of the Congregation will unite with him at the beginning of another Lenten season in a renewed consecration to the Master's service.

There have been, during 1882:

Number of Services held,	173
Infant Baptisms,	40
Adult "	5
Confirmed—Males,	18
Females,	16
Funerals attended,	34
Marriages solemnized,	32
Present Number of Communicants, about	17
Amount of Communion Offertories,	500
	\$136.56

The Holy Communion is administered every second Sunday in the month, and Infant Baptism upon the fourth Sunday afternoons.

Since the Parish has been in existence, the summary of statistics is as follows:

Infant Baptisms,	728
Adult "	54
Confirmed—Fourteen occasions,	782
Funerals,	435
Marriages,	408
	150

The Accounting Warden reports the following statement of his accounts:

RECEIPTS.	
Pew-Rents,	\$2,089.95
Collections at Church Service,	876.54
Subscriptions within Parish,	387.16
" outside Parish,	477.50
" for Ground-Rent and Improvements,	12,160.00
Sunday-Schools,	111.17
Sale of Church Organ,	250.00
Entertainments—Parish Association Treasurer,	220.68
Amount carried forward,	\$16,573.00

Amount brought forward,	\$16,573.00
Excursion—Parish Association Treasurer,	19.50
Young Men's Association,	10 00
Interest,	411.89
Sale of Investment,	1,000 00
Sundries,	18.89
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	\$18,033.28

EXPENDITURES.

Balance—Deficit, 1881,	\$299.71
Rector's and Sexton's Salaries, and Summer Supply,	2,429.38
Gas, Fuel, and Sundries,	648.40
Ground-Rent,	500.00
Music,	393.77
Repairs and Improvements,	355.59
Convention Fund—Two Payments,	100.00
Sunday-School Organ,	225.00
Frescoing Sunday-School, and Carpets,	306.48
Frescoing and Improving Church, New Carpets, Windows, Wire Screens for same, Furniture, etc.	2,684.87
St. Barnabas', Haddington, Consecration Collection,	89.66
Episcopal Hospital, Thanksgiving Collection,	117.59
Insurance,	60.00
Laid aside to Extinguish Ground-Rent,	10,000.00
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	18,210.45

Deficit, \$177.17

The Warden can add very little to the remarks previously made in these Reports regarding the current expenses of the Church. As will be seen by the above statement, there was a deficit again at the close of the year. This was in part owing to extra expenses incurred by reason of the alterations and improvements, and from the fact that the ground-rent pledges mentioned last year being for the most part merged into the subscriptions to extinguish that, there was an interest account against us until nearly the first of July. It may be as well to mention here that the holder of the ground-rent has declined to receive the money, as he has the right to do, and that therefore the Warden has loaned out the amount until such time as payment can be made—at the most in two years—and has collaterals deposited against the same.

The Warden again presents a statement of the revenue and expenses estimated for the coming year, and is also glad to announce that the deficiency of the past year, by reason of the generous responses of the Congregation to the appeal of the Vestry, has been already covered.

Expenses, 1883, Estimated,	\$3,600
Revenue, Estimated:	
Pew-Rents,	\$2,200
Sunday Collections,	600
Subscriptions,	100
Sunday-School,	300
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	3,200
Apparent Deficit,	\$400

This can readily be met by a little effort on the part of all. There are many unrented pews which should be taken, and, the cost being so small, they are certainly within the reach of all.

We now turn to the work of the Association, as confided to the several Committees.

FIRST—*Sunday-Schools and Bible-Classes.*

Number on the Roll:	
Officers and Teachers,	70
Scholars,	958
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Last Year,	1,028
	964

The average attendance during the entire year has been :

Officers and Teachers,	58
Scholars,	668
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Last year,	726
The largest attendance was December 24th,	706
The smallest attendance was August 27th,	905
Exclusive of July and August, the average attendance of Teachers and Scholars was	365
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	774

As during the previous summer, there was a Morning Session during the two summer months, and there was a noticeable increase in the attendance over the former year. Notice was given of the change to every teacher and scholar, by postal-cards, both at the commencement and close of this morning session. The Superintendent frequently communicates with the members of the School by this means, and has found it to be a valuable aid.

The Uniform Scheme of Diocesan Lessons is still used and taught in all the classes. The Standard of the Cross leaflets are taken and distributed as in the past, and the paper itself given to each teacher; and here it may be proper to state that the subscription list is made up entirely by the efforts of the teachers, at

a yearly collection for this purpose. The advantage of a paper like the Standard of the Cross is readily seen, as full news of the Church, both here and abroad, is furnished to the teachers, in addition to the Lesson Notes. It may also be as well to mention that the Bible-Class Teachers' Notes, alluded to last year, and prepared by a teacher of one of our own Bible-Classes, are not only published weekly in the Standard, but also appear in the Episcopal Register of this city. Thus the influence of our School is felt not only in our own Diocese, but also outside; and as we have had occasion to remark before, the Sunday-School Association of our Church in this city, which has done so successful and interesting a work, had its origin in the Sunday-School of the Holy Apostles.

The weekly Teachers' Meetings are continued every Friday evening, except that during the summer they were combined with the Wednesday evening service. They are attended, as in previous years, by the older scholars, who may have a desire eventually to teach, and the instruction is aimed to be of such a kind as to educate them for this noble work. The large number of these graduates—twenty in all—now teaching in our School, is the best evidence of the practical effect of this meeting. Your Committee would here remark that they believe many troublesome Sunday-School questions are solved by an undertaking like this. We believe that the ground of the success of our School is found here, and we are fully persuaded that one of the reasons why so few men are now to be seen teaching in the Sunday-School is that they have never been educated, when young, with the idea that this was to be expected of them. In addition, the fact that so many older boys and girls are found in the Sunday-School, and this for the reason that when a good and faithful teacher is found to have an influence over scholars, they are not taken away to be graded into a Bible-Class.

The average attendance at these meetings has been:

Teachers,	35
Others,	14
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	49

The usual Christmas services were held on Christmas Eve, by the Main School and Bible-Classes. The carols were finely

sung, and addresses delivered by Rev. W. N. McVickar and Mr. L. H. Redner. The Infant School exercises were on Tuesday afternoon, December 26th, and on the same evening the Christmas Festival of the School was held, a varied and amusing entertainment being provided.

The same plan was followed this year in bringing to the School Building, on the afternoon before Christmas, donations of provisions, poultry, groceries, etc., for distribution among those not so highly favored. A very much larger number of articles was brought than on any former occasion, and distribution was made to more than twenty families.

The Easter Anniversary exercises were held on the evening of that day, when the Rector and Rev. Dr. Currie made addresses.

The offerings of the scholars for the several Sundays of the month are still arranged as follows:

First Sunday—For the Poor of the School.

Second Sunday—For the Expenses of the Church.

Third Sunday—For the Expenses of the School.

Fourth and Fifth Sunday—For Missionary and Charitable Purposes.

This plan works admirably.

During the season of Lent, the School, in response to the invitation of the Sunday-School Association, made its entire offering for missionary purposes. To aid in the interest, the School was divided into sections, and to each was assigned a specific object. Thus, to the

Seven Bible-Classes,	Bishop Vail.
First Division, Boys' Classes,	Rev. J. A. Gilfillan.
Second " " " "	Bishop Whipple.
First " Girls' " "	Bishop Penick.
Second " " " "	Mexico.
Infant School,	{ The Sheltering Arms. Children's Hospital.

The Lenten offering amounted to \$504.67, being the largest of any School reporting to the Committee.

The frescoing of the School, spoken of in the last Report, was accomplished without expense to the Church, part of the funds being contributed by the teachers and scholars, and the remainder from an entertainment resulting in \$128. The Main Room has been made very bright and attractive. During these improvements, the sessions of the School were held in the Church.

A new feature of the School work is the inauguration of a series of special services for the scholars and teachers, held in the Church on Sunday evenings, at stated intervals. The middle aisle is reserved, and the attendance has been very gratifying. The regular evening service is used, with familiar hymns, and addresses instead of a sermon.

We have been favored during the year with visits from clergymen and laymen, which have been duly appreciated. Archdeacon Kirkby delivered a thrilling missionary address on Easter Monday evening, and Bishop Harris, of Michigan, spent the afternoon of December 10th with us. Mr. Agnew, one of the Secretaries of the Church of England Sunday-School Institute, was present also at one of our sessions.

While all these evidences of outward growth and prosperity are very gratifying, we are devoutly thankful that a tone of serious attention has pervaded the School. The result of this was seen at the Confirmation; when, of the thirty-four confirmed, twenty-eight were from the Sunday-School, the very unusual sight being presented of the majority being males—there being fifteen, with thirteen female scholars.

The Sunday-School Library numbers nearly 800 volumes; the Teachers' Reference Library, 250.

The Treasurer of the School reports as follows, his accounts being made up to date:

Balance on hand from 1882,	\$116.35
Total Amount of Contributions and Collections, 1882,	1,236.81

\$1,353.16

All of which was collected in the School, and expended as follows:

Support of Sunday-School, including Books and Leaflets, Papers, Decorating the Building, and Expenses of Christmas and Easter Anniversaries,	\$425.43
Support of the Church,	111.17
Poor of the Sunday-School,	86.00

Missionary Purposes:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Rev. Mr. Jones, Hayti,	\$15.00
Mexican League,	65.28
Bishop Penick,	81.41
Dr. Newton, publishing Arabic Book,	13.18
	174.87

Amounts carried forward, \$797.47 \$1,353.16

Amounts brought forward, \$797.47 \$1,353.16

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Episcopal Church, Hulmeville, Pa.	\$17.42
Indian Training-School, Carlisle, Pa.	25.00
Bishop Vail,	115.25
Rev. J. A. Gilfillan,	65.66
Bishop Whipple, White Earth, Minn.	50.32
	273.65

CITY MISSIONS.

Society to Protect Children from Cruelty,	\$18.41
Episcopal Hospital,	31.86
Sheltering Arms,	62.66
Children's Hospital,	25.00
S. S. Association, P. E. Church,	10.00
	147.93
	1,219.05

Balance on hand, \$134.11

SECOND COMMITTEE.—*Parish Library.*

The Chairman of this Committee deplores the fact that so few of the books are used. This Library contains about 900 volumes; but two of the cases has been removed to the larger Bible-Class Room, and are availed of at the Tuesday evening social gatherings.

A Committee of the Association, with the Chairman of this Committee at its head, is now considering the feasibility of combining all the Libraries in the building under one head and in one room; this is, of necessity, a matter requiring careful consideration.

The plan adopted by many Parish Libraries, of availing largely of the cheap publication of standard literature, may be worth a trial in our Library; at any rate, the bringing of such works within the reach of all has been one cause why our Library is not better patronized. At the same time, it is a cause for encouragement that so powerful an antidote has been found to baneful and pernicious books.

THIRD COMMITTEE.—*Church Hospitality.*

As has been stated before in these Reports, it is impossible for this Committee to give any statistical account of their work, their duty being to attend before and after the stated services on Sundays and during the week, to extend a welcome to strangers who may be present and furnish them with seats. They also have

been the means of introducing quite a number of persons to the Rector, and of bringing others into the Sunday-School, besides aiding to increase the revenues of the Church by the renting of pews and sittings.

FOURTH COMMITTEE.—*District Visiting.*

The members of this Committee have paid about two hundred visits, and have also visited and relieved a number of cases of distress, and received a number of donations of garments, etc.; they have been instrumental in bringing into the Sunday-School and Church those who had no other religious connection, and others recently coming into the neighborhood.

This Committee again expresses its appreciation of the Ward Association for the Relief of the Poor, with which it has co-operated, and received valuable advice and assistance in preventing many cases of imposture from obtaining relief, and judiciously dispensing assistance to the needy. They believe that if these Ward Relief Organizations were properly understood by the Churches, they would be found to be valuable auxiliaries in their work among the destitute and neglected.

The Sick Diet Kitchen, established by the Episcopal City Mission, has also been a great help to this Committee, and grateful acknowledgment is expressed for its aid.

FIFTH COMMITTEE.—*Music.*

This Committee is composed of those who voluntarily occupy the positions of Choir in the Church. There are at present thirty-three members, divided as follows:

Soprano voices,	16
Alto "	8
Tenor "	2
Bass "	5
Leader and Organist,	2

They are under the instruction, weekly, of Mr. George F. Bishop, and meet every Saturday evening for rehearsal. The average attendance at the Sunday services is about twenty-five, with faithful attention to the weekly rehearsals. The Church Hymnal of Rev. Mr. Hutchins has been in use for several years, and was adopted as furnishing the best general arrangement of tunes and chants within reach. A great benefit—one which will

be appreciated by all choir-masters—is the assignment, by this means, of a specified tune to each hymn.

The music, as in the past, is plain and simple in its character, the object being to lead the Congregation in the praises of the Sanctuary.

SIXTH COMMITTEE.—*Young Men's Association.*

The work of this Committee, which consists in being present at the Tuesday evening social meeting for the older boys and young men, which was closed in May, was begun again in November, and has continued as in previous years. The lower rooms of the Parish Building are opened on these evenings from seven to ten o'clock. The time is spent in reading newspapers, books, pamphlets, etc., and in the use of amusing and instructive games. These exercises are occasionally interspersed with humorous and selected readings, with addresses.

Another part of the work of this Committee, and which grew out of these social evenings, has been the organization, nearly a year ago, of the Young Men's Literary Association. This Association meets every Thursday evening. The Rector and Superintendent are, *ex-officio*, President and First Vice-President, and one of the teachers Second Vice-President; the Third Vice-President, and the other officers, are from among the young men. Several of the male teachers of the Sunday-School have taken great interest in this Association, and their constant attendance has been of great benefit. The young men have also exhibited considerable ability in the literary work assigned, and have also given substantial proofs of their own desire for the good of the Church. The meetings are conducted with great decorum and under parliamentary law, and your Committee commends this effort to the good wishes and interest of all.

SEVENTH COMMITTEE.—*Young Ladies' Sewing Circle.*

We have again to present an encouraging Report from this work.

The meetings, as usual, were suspended during the summer, the last session being held May 2d, and resumed on November 14th.

As in last year's Report, the object of this effort may be briefly stated: To interest the older girls of our School in making

garments which may be distributed to needy children in the Sunday-School, and to teach writing to those who may desire to improve themselves in this way, and to promote a kindly social feeling. The Bible-Class Room is used for this purpose, and the doors between it and the Lecture Room are kept open, so that the Young Men's Reading Room and Young Ladies' Sewing Circle are virtually thrown together. Through the kindness of some friends, a piano has been furnished, and, as many of our scholars are learning to play upon that instrument, there is music furnished every evening. Your Committee would gladly welcome any from the Congregation who feel an interest in looking at this work. They will be well repaid for stopping in some Tuesday evening, and looking at the cheerful rooms and bright happy faces of the scholars.

During the coming Lenten season, this Committee will unite with that of the Ladies' Committee on Missionary Work, so as to interest the young ladies in it.

EIGHTH COMMITTEE.—*Missionary Work.*

This comprises a large number of the ladies, who meet during Lent, in connection with the Women's Auxiliary of the Board of Missions. Last season, their work was for a clergyman of the Church in Colorado, and a large box of useful articles for himself and family, with books for a Mission Church, and a Communion Service, were forwarded before Easter. It is impossible here to enumerate the articles sent; the money value of the box, as reported and credited in the "Spirit of Missions," was \$219.06.

The same Committee is already organized for work during the approaching Lenten season, and will aid a clergyman in Kansas.

Probably very few persons have any idea of the amount of real good that is done in the sending of such boxes as these. On the frontier, the salary of a clergyman often amounts to a few hundred dollars, and he is obliged to support a family. The letters received by the Committee from this recipient were full of gratitude and thankfulness.

NINTH COMMITTEE.—*Entertainments.*

These have comprised six illustrated lectures by W. F. Bick, on London, which resulted in no profit, but afforded much

instruction and delight to those who attended the course; and an entertainment, literary and musical, given in February, by the Sunday-School, towards paying for their improvements, and produced the handsome amount, clear of expenses, of \$128.

TENTH COMMITTEE.—*Dressing and Decorating the Church at Christmas and Easter.*

This work, which cannot, of course, be described, was carefully and faithfully attended to.

As in several former years, a Special Committee was appointed to co-operate with All Saints Church in an excursion to Atlantic City. This took place in August, and the profit amounted to \$19.50.

At the meeting of the Association in December, after an earnest address by Rev. Henry S. Getz, Secretary of the Diocesan Branch of the Church Temperance Society, a Committee was chosen to whom the whole subject of a Parish organization was referred, in connection with the Rector. After several consultations, it was decided to arrange for such a branch in this Church, and the matter is now in progress; so that by the next meeting of the Association, in February, it is hoped the desired result may have been accomplished.

In addition to the above-named Committees, there have been special ones of male members, who have assisted in preserving order and seating those in attendance at the Christmas and Easter celebrations.

The Treasurer of the Association reports:

Balance on hand from 1882,	\$49.41
Cash received from Entertainments, Excursion, etc.	255.28
Donations,	60.00
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	\$364.69

PAYMENTS.

Printing Annual Report,	\$22.50
Church Warden, from Entertainments, etc.	240.18
Special Donation, applied to Sunday-School	
Improvements,	60.00
Young Men's Social Meeting,	15.00
Incidentals,	5.70
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	343.38
Balance,	<hr/>
	\$21.31

Grouping together, then, these various Treasurers' Reports, we find the totals as follows:

RECEIPTS.	
From all sources—Pew-Rents, Collections, Donations, Subscriptions, Offertory, etc., and including Balances from 1882,	\$19,455.69
PAYMENTS.	
Support of the Church, including Interest on Ground-Rent, Insurance, etc., . . .	\$4,031.55
Repairs and Improvements,	355.59
Convention Fund, two years,	100.00
Sunday-School Organ,	225.00
Frescoing and Improving Sunday-School Room,	366.48
Frescoing and Improving Church, New Carpets, etc.	2,684.87
Support of Sunday-Schools,	425.43
Sundries and Incidentals,	43.20
Missionary and Charitable Purposes, . .	1,245.32
Placed in Special Fund, against which collateral is held in trust for payment of Ground-Rent,	10,000.00
	<hr/> 19,477.44
General Deficit,	\$21.75
ACCOUNTED FOR.	
Warden Deficit,	\$177.17
S. S. Treasury Balance,	\$134.11
Parish Association Balance,	21.31
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	\$21.75

There has thus been presented to you, as briefly and yet as fully as possible, the work of the Parish for the past year; and while it is well to thus systematize the various departments of our Church work, we should ever bear in mind that there is another growth which we should endeavor to secure—that spoken of by the Apostle St. Peter in his second Epistle, where he says:

“But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.”

That this may ever be the aim of every member of this Congregation, is the sincere wish of

Your friends and fellow-workers,

CHARLES D. COOPER, RECTOR,
GEO. C. THOMAS,
R. A. KYLE,
WM. D. THOMAS,

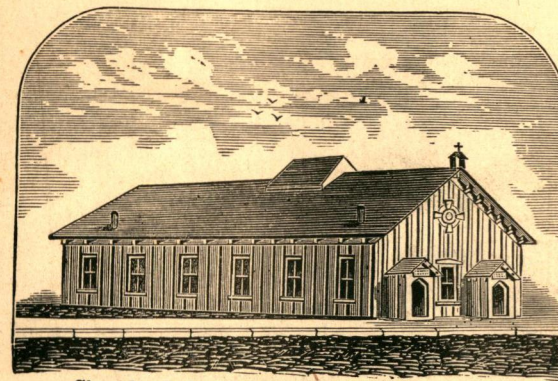
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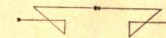
OF THE
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OF THE



Church of the Holy Apostles, Philadelphia.
The First Building, 1868—1873.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES
PHILADELPHIA.



As Read at the Anniversary, Sunday Evening, January 20th, 1884.

Rector,
REV. CHARLES D. COOPER, D. D.

Assistant Minister,
REV. HENRY S. GETZ.

VESTRY.

GEORGE C. THOMAS, LEWIS H. REDNER, *Wardens.*
LEMUEL COFFIN, THOS. MECOUCH, JOHN LEWIS SMITH,
WM. D. THOMAS, H. S. JANNEY, W. S. NEILL,
W. R. CHAPMAN, R. A. KYLE, ABRAHAM RITTER.
JOSEPH C. HATIE,

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Vice-Presidents.
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R. A. KYLE, *Secretary.* WM. D. THOMAS, *Treasurer.*

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Sunday-Schools and Bible-Classes.—GEO. C. THOMAS.

Parish Library.—R. A. KYLE.

District Visiting.—MRS. M. W. L. McCONNELL.

Hospitality.—W. R. CHAPMAN.

Music.—ROBERT G. RANKIN.

Young Men's Association.—J. C. HATIE.

Young Women's Association.—MRS. E. P. McELROY.

Missionary Work.—MRS. GEO. C. THOMAS.

Mothers' Meeting.—MRS. F. W. WARD.

Entertainment.—A. RITTER.

Decoration.—WM. D. THOMAS.

Temperance.—W. S. NEILL.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

Superintendent,
GEORGE C. THOMAS.

Assistant Superintendent,
WM. D. THOMAS.

Secretary and Treasurer,
R. A. KYLE.

Assistants,
S. W. GRAY, W. G. CASNER.

Librarians,
H. SYNNAMEON, FREDERICK KELLER, HUGH MCWILLIAMS,
E. W. HETHERINGTON, WILLIAM BERGER.

Organist,
MISS JENNIE S. BOND.

BIBLE-CLASSES.

A. RITTER, W. R. CHAPMAN, MISS E. B. ROBINSON,
H. S. JANNEY, MRS. F. M. POTTS, MISS M. A. WARWICK.

MAIN-SCHOOL.

<i>Male Teachers.</i>		
J. C. HATIE,	S. PORTER,	W. J. MILLER,
J. H. C. BARR,	HENRY BRIGHT,	W. S. NEILL,
G. W. POTTER,	E. BURT,	F. M. POTTS,
ROBT. F. MOFFITT,	EDW. F. WOLBERT,	J. LEWIS SMITH,
WM. FANNON,	H. MATHERS,	W. F. AYER,
W. A. McEWEN,		ROBT. G. RANKIN.

<i>Female Teachers.</i>		
MRS. E. P. McELROY,	MISS ELLA SCOTT,	MISS MAGGIE HAY,
MISS MAGGIE ASHWOOD,	MISS J. E. YOUNG,	MISS ELLA A. HOFFMAN,
MISS EMMA L. THOMAS,	MISS M. J. McEWEN,	MRS. GEO. C. THOMAS,
MISS FANNIE E. McEWEN,	MISS LIZZIE GAMBLE,	MISS A. L. WARWICK,
MISS MARIA T. LIMING,	MISS M. R. HASTINGS,	MISS M. S. LITTLE,
MRS. A. J. GLENN,	MISS LAURA A. BRICE,	MISS A. J. YOUNG,
MISS MATILDA M. NIXON,	MISS LUCY GRAHAM,	MRS. C. E. SMITH,
MRS. F. W. WARD,	MISS H. F. CHAPMAN,	MRS. H. S. JANNEY,
MISS P. P. HASTINGS,	MISS M. A. JOHNSON,	MISS M. F. LEHMAN,
MISS ROSALIE L. SMITH,	MISS M. J. MATHERS,	MISS M. J. GAMBLE,
MRS. GEO. WALL,	MISS C. L. HOLBROOK,	MISS LILLIE WALLACE.
	MRS. ORATIO LAVENDER,	

INFANT DEPARTMENT.

MRS. M. W. L. McCONNELL, MISS A. RICHARDSON, MISS S. CHAPMAN.

REPORT.

Philadelphia,

To the Congregation

January 20th, 1884.

OF THE

Church of the Holy Apostles:

It is customary, in January, for the Parish Association to make a full Report of the year which has just passed; this is done with the two-fold object of encouraging those who have labored in the field, and of inciting others to come and help in the work which by reason of the very existence of a Christian Church is laid at our doors.

As the Association was originated in 1874, the present is the Tenth Annual Report brought before you.

The stated meetings have been held regularly on the fourth Wednesday evenings of the months of February, May, September, and November, and there have been several special meetings. At all these, the various Committees at work presented Reports.

In order that all the operations of the Parish may be concisely presented, the Reports of the Rector and Warden are always included in these Annual Statements, and also at the stated meetings.

The Rector reports that the services of the Church have been held regularly—twice on every Sunday, and also on Wednesday evening—excepting during July, August, September, and October: omitted during the last month by reason of the meeting of the General Convention. There were the usual services upon Holy Days and Thanksgiving Day, extra Lenten services, and meetings for the Confirmation Class.

The attendance at our services and weekly meetings, while it is exceedingly gratifying, and pronounced by those of other Parishes who have been with us as comparing very favorably

with their own, yet the Rector feels there are many who should be regular attendants upon the services of the Sanctuary who do not enter the courts of the Lord. Such are those who have been baptized and confirmed in the Episcopal Church, whose children are enrolled in the Sunday-School, who consider themselves as connected with the Parish, receiving the visits of the Minister, and his consolation and assistance at the time of trouble. It is his earnest wish that all who are regular in their attendance, and the members of the Association, should co-operate with him in inducing such persons to come to church.

In view of the large number of families connected with the Church and Sunday-School, and the necessity that they should be systematically visited, the Rector felt constrained to ask from the Wardens and Vestry their consent to his securing the services of a clergyman who could assist him in the work of the Parish; this request was at once cheerfully and unanimously granted, and the Rev. Henry S. Getz was nominated and duly elected. He entered upon his duties the first of this year, and was introduced to the Congregation by the Rector on the last Sunday of the old year, who at the same time delivered an address upon his work in the Parish since he entered upon it—in 1868.

There have been, during 1883:

Number of services held,	158
Infant Baptisms,	57
Adult Baptisms,	5
	62
Confirmed—Males,	21
Females,	31
	52
Funerals attended,	38
Marriages solemnized,	12
Present number of Communicants, about	550
Amount of Communion-Alms,	\$131.76

The Holy Communion is administered every second Sunday of the month, and Infant Baptism upon the fourth Sunday afternoons.

Since the present Rector took charge—in September, 1868—the summary of statistics is as follows:

Infant Baptisms,	785
Adult Baptisms,	59
	844
Confirmed,	487
Funerals,	446
Marriages,	162

Between January 26th, 1868, and September, the Parish was under the care or supervision of Revs. Phillips Brooks and Samuel E. Appleton, and all official acts outside of the regular service, held only on Sunday evenings, were included by these Rectors.

During these sixteen years, the Rector has made about 12,000 visits, and there have been in the neighborhood of 2,500 services held.

The Accounting Warden reports the following statement of the accounts of the Treasurer of the Church for the year ending December 31st, 1883:

RECEIPTS.

Pew-Rents,	\$2,194.84
Collections at the Church Service,	837.90
Subscriptions and Contributions,	814.51
From Sunday-School,	286.71
Entertainments,	112.05
Interest,	279.17
	<u>\$4,525.18</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Balance deficit, January 1st, 1883,	\$177.17
Rector and Sexton's salaries,	2,400.00
Gas and Fuel,	393.52
Ground-Rent, paid by interest received from the amount in hand to extinguish it when due,	500.00
Music,	356.43
Repairs and Improvements,	110.54
Special Collection, Bishop Paddock,	80.98
" Bishop Whitaker,	90.10
" Episcopal Hospital,	106.76
Insurance,	125.00
Easter Decorations and Gardening,	103.27
Sundry small items, Advertising, Printing, etc.,	72.70
	<u>4,516.47</u>
Balance in hand, January 1st, 1884,	\$8.71
Balance to credit of special Organ Fund, and deposited separately,	\$155.51

The Warden can add very little to the remarks previously made in these Reports regarding the current expenses of the Church; it will be seen that for the year the account was about square. The holder of the ground-rent has still declined to receive his money, and the amount held in trust for this purpose is still loaned out against collaterals deposited to secure it, as stated in the last Report.

It will be seen, on comparing this present statement with that of last year, that the pew-rents received were over \$100 in excess of 1882; and the Warden would again call the attention

of the Congregation to the moderate rental of the pews, which are so valued that no one need hesitate on the ground of cost.

The detailed statement of the work of the Association will be found herewith, in the Reports of the several Committees.

FIRST—*Sunday-Schools and Bible-Classes.*

Number of Officers and Teachers on the Roll,	69
Scholars,	946

Total,	1,015
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Average attendance during the entire year:

Officers and Teachers,	61
Scholars,	675

Total,	736
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The largest attendance was on Easter Sunday, March 25th, . 904

The smallest attendance was on Sunday, April 22d, 465

The following table of the yearly average attendance since the School was commenced, in 1868, will be of interest here:

1868,	144	1876,	716
1869,	220	1877,	756
1870,	237	1878,	745
1871,	320	1879,	746
1872,	370	1880,	709
1873,*	514	1881,	703
1874,	650	1882,	723
1875,	696	1883,	736

*New school building occupied.

The School is at present in excellent working order. Every class has its regular teacher, and there are a number of the older scholars who are ready to supply the places of absent teachers, and willing to teach themselves, when the Superintendent is able to avail of their services. As will be seen by the average for the year above noted, the Officers and Teachers are very regular in their attendance: sixty-one out of sixty-nine, or nearly ninety per cent. present. This includes, of course, the entire year. If July and August are left out of the calculation, this average would be ninety-six per cent.

The Officers and Teachers are now assigned thus:

	Male.	Female.
Superintendent,	1	..
Assistant Superintendent,	1	..
Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistants,	3	..
Librarians,	5	..
Organist,		1
Bible-Class Teachers,	3	3
Infant-School Teachers,		3
Main-School Teachers,	17	34
	30	41

It is with deep regret that the resignation of Mrs. E. D. Alsop, for fifteen years in charge of the Infant Department, was accepted at the commencement of the Advent season. It is not the purpose of this Report to make personal mention of or eulogize individual effort, but this Committee feel it is due to Mrs. Alsop, who has labored so faithfully and constantly, to note this fact—the reason for this resignation was failing health. At the same time, the assistant of the Department preferring to teach in the Main Room, the Infant School was reorganized, and is at present under the care of Mrs. McConnell, Miss Richardson, and Miss S. Chapman.

The Uniform Scheme of Lessons, as adopted by the Joint Committee of several of the Dioceses, appointed by the Bishops, is still used. The series from Advent to Trinity, now being studied, is the story of our Saviour's life as told by St. Luke in his Gospel, and the leaflets and lesson-helps for the teachers in use are those published by the Episcopal Register of this city. Much interest is manifested by both teachers and scholars in the study of the Word, and the latter are very careful with the leaflets, which are issued in quarterly form, and much more valuable in the work of the School than when furnished as a single sheet every Sunday. It may be as well to state here, as mentioned in last year's Report, that the expense of the subscription to the Register and the Lesson-Helps is borne entirely by the teachers, in a yearly collection for the purpose. Each teacher—or, where more than one of a family are engaged in the work, each family—receives a copy of the Episcopal Register, and it is hardly necessary to speak here of the value such a Church paper has, in addition to its admirable assistance on the lessons.

During the summer months, the School sessions were held in the morning; the attendance was larger than in the previous year, and there was the same noticeable increase in the morning service of the Church. Previous to the change from afternoon to morning, and again in September when the reverse took place, postal-cards of notification were sent to every scholar.

The weekly Teachers' Meetings are continued every Friday evening, except in the two summer months. They are attended, as in previous years, by older scholars, who may have a desire eventually to teach, and the instruction is aimed to be of such a

kind as to prepare them for this end. The large number of these graduates—twenty-four in all—now teaching in our School, is the best evidence of the practical effect of this meeting. Your Committee would here remark that they believe many troublesome Sunday-School questions are solved by an undertaking like this. We believe that the ground of the success of our School is found here, and are fully persuaded that one of the reasons why so few men are now to be seen teaching in the Sunday-School is that they have never been educated, when young, with the idea that this was to be expected of them. In addition, the fact that so many older boys and girls are found in the Sunday-School, and this for the reason that when a good and faithful teacher is known to have an influence over scholars, they are not taken away to be graded into a Bible-Class.

The average attendance at these meetings has been :

Teachers,	36
Others,	9
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The Christmas Exercises were held on Sunday evening, December 30th; the carols were beautifully sung, and addresses delivered by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Getz, and the Superintendent. The festivals took place on Thursday afternoon and evening, December 27th, when a delightfully pleasant time was had by all; the exercises were of an entirely social character, in the nature of what might be termed a reception by everyone of everybody else.

The same plan was followed again of bringing to the School-room, on the Saturday afternoon before Christmas, donations of provisions, poultry, groceries, clothing, toys, etc., for distribution among those not so highly favored. A much larger number of articles was brought than on any former occasion, and distribution was made to twenty-five families. The value of these articles is estimated at \$100.

The Easter Anniversary Exercises were held on the evening of that day, when the attendance was very large.

The offerings of the scholars for the several Sundays of the month are still arranged as follows :

First Sunday—For the Poor of the School.

Second Sunday—For the Expenses of the Church.

Third Sunday—For the Expenses of the School.

Fourth and Fifth Sunday—For Missionary and Charitable Purposes.

This plan works admirably, but has been intermitted during the Lenten and Advent seasons.

For the season of Lent, the School, in response to the invitation of the Sunday-School Association, made its entire offering for missionary purposes. To aid in the interest, the School was divided into sections, and to each was assigned a specific object. Thus, to the

Seven Bible-Classes,	Bishop Whipple.
First Division, Boys' Classes,	Bishop Vail.
Second " " " "	Mexico.
First " " " " Girls' " "	China and Japan.
Second " " " " " " "	Diocesan Missions.
Infant School,	{ Faith Home for Crippled Children.
	{ Bethesda Home, Chestnut Hill.

This offering amounted as follows :

Bishop Whipple,	\$99.86
Bishop Vail,	75.02
Mexico,	76.53
China and Japan,	75.63
Diocesan,	113.74
Infant School,	65.00
	\$505.78

For the Advent Season, in response to the invitation of the Sunday-School Association, the offerings were devoted towards the Philadelphia Sunday-School Fund, in aid of a Church to be erected in Northern Dakota, under the direction of the new Missionary Bishop, Rt. Rev. W. D. Walker. The amount contributed was \$75.50. Sixty-seven Sunday-Schools in this city united in this effort.

The Sunday evening Church services, during the several seasons of the ecclesiastical year, have been continued with the view of bringing their special truths in connection with a service in the Church before the minds of both teachers and scholars; the middle-aisle pews are reserved, and the attendance has been very gratifying. Besides the usual Christmas and Easter exercises, these were held during the Epiphany, Lenten, Trinity, and Advent seasons, and in addition a special service was held in the Church on Whit-Sunday afternoon. At the Trinity-Sunday Service, Archdeacon Kirkby made an earnest address, and on the following evening delivered a lecture in the Parish Building on "Missionary Life in the North."

During the meetings of the General Convention, in October, the School sessions were attended by a large number of the Bishops and Deputies. Bishop Bedell, of Ohio, addressed the School on September 30th, the Lord Bishop of Rochester on October 7th, Bishops Whipple and Harris on the 14th, and Bishop Vail on the 28th.

It is also with thankfulness your Committee is able to report the fact that at the Annual Confirmation, April 8th, forty-six scholars were presented to the Bishop—twenty-seven female and nineteen male.

The Library is now closed, and a Committee of the teachers, with the Librarians, has been appointed to suggest plans and methods for its continuance. The number of books is about 800.

The Teachers' Reference Library contains about 250 volumes.

A written examination was held on the evening of February 1st, when twenty-five scholars were reported by the Committee in charge as having obtained an average entitling them to commendation, and duly received a reward.

The Treasurer of the School reports as follows:

Balance on hand from 1883,	\$134.11
Total amount of Contributions and Collections in 1883, .	1,698.30
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	\$1,832.41

All of which was collected in the School, excepting \$50, and expended as follows:

Support of Sunday-School, including books and leaflets, papers, printing, and expenses of Christmas Festival and Easter Anniversary,	\$404.29
Support of the Church,	286.71
Benevolent work of the School,	51.50

Missionary Purposes:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Mexican League,	\$76.53
China and Japan,	75.63
Church Mission News,	50.00
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	202.16

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Freedmen,	\$10.00
Church at Riverdale, Ohio, injured by floods,	25.00
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Amounts carried forward, . .	\$35.00 \$944.66 \$1,832.41

Amounts brought forward, . .	\$35.00	\$944.66	\$1,832.41
Bishop Whipple,	99.86		
" Vail,	75.02		
" Whittaker,	51.58		
" Walker—Advent Offering for Northern Dakota,	75.50		
Church Mission News,	50.00		
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DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

Easter Anniversary,	113.74
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CITY MISSIONS.

City Mission,	\$37.36	
Bethesda Home, Chestnut Hill,	32.50	
Faith Home for Crippled Children,	32.50	
Children's Country Week,	46.03	
Episcopal Hospital,	47.06	
Sheltering Arms,	33.21	
Church of the Crucifixion,	50.00	
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		1,724.02

Balance,	\$108.39
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SECOND COMMITTEE.—*Parish Library.*

This Committee reports that the Library contains about 900 volumes. The cases have been removed to the larger Bible-Class Room, and are availed of at the Tuesday evening social gatherings, and it is also hoped that some use may be made of these books in connection with the Sunday-School and Bible-Classes.

The plan adopted by many Parish Libraries, of availing largely of the cheap publication of standard literature, may be worth a trial in our Parish; at any rate, the bringing of such works within the reach of all has been one cause why our Library is not better patronized. At the same time, it is a reason for encouragement that so powerful an antidote has been found to baneful and pernicious books.

THIRD COMMITTEE.—*Church Hospitality.*

As has been stated before in these Reports, it is impossible for this Committee to give a detailed account of its work, the duty of the members being to attend before and after the stated services on Sundays and during the week, to extend a welcome to strangers who may be present and furnish them with seats. They also have been the means of introducing quite a number of persons to the Rector, and of bringing others into the Sunday-School, besides aiding to increase the revenues of the Church by the renting of pews and sittings.

FOURTH COMMITTEE.—*District Visiting.*

The members of this Committee have paid about two hundred visits, and have also visited and relieved a number of cases of distress, and received a number of donations of garments; also donations in money amounting to \$15. They have been instrumental in bringing into the Sunday-School and Church those who had no other religious connection, and others recently coming into the neighborhood.

This Committee again expresses its appreciation of the Ward Association for the Relief of the Poor, with which it has co-operated, and received valuable advice and assistance in preventing many cases of imposture from obtaining relief, and judiciously dispensing assistance to the needy. They believe that if these Ward Relief Organizations were properly understood by the Churches, they would be found to be valuable auxiliaries in their work among the destitute and neglected.

The Sick Diet Kitchen, established by the Episcopal City Mission, has also been a great help to this Committee, and grateful acknowledgment is expressed for its aid.

FIFTH COMMITTEE.—*Music.*

This Committee is composed of those who voluntarily occupy the positions of Choir in the Church. There are at present thirty-seven members, divided as follows:

Soprano voices,	17
Alto "	8
Tenor "	4
Base "	5
Leader and Organists,	3

They are under the instruction, weekly, of Mr. George F. Bishop, and meet every Saturday evening for rehearsal. The average attendance at the Sunday services is about twenty-five, with faithful attention to the weekly rehearsals. The Church Hymnal of Rev. Mr. Hutchins has been in use for several years, and was adopted as furnishing the best general arrangement of tunes and chants within reach. A great benefit—one which will be appreciated by all choir-masters—is the assignment, by this means, of a specified tune to each hymn.

The music, as in the past, is plain and simple in its character, the object being to lead the Congregation in the praises of the Sanctuary.

The present organ, while very sweet in tone, is hardly large enough for the Choir and the Church building, and is especially wanting in depth and power sufficient to support the Sunday-School celebrations and services. The Choir therefore have taken the initiative in efforts to establish a fund for the purchase of a new organ, and to this end a concert was given on the evening of October 25th, at Association Hall, which resulted in securing the sum of \$155.51, which is now held by the Accounting Warden on special deposit; the present organ would possibly be worth \$700 to \$800 in part payment for a new one, and a member of the Congregation has agreed to contribute \$1,000 whenever a like sum is raised, so that the Committee on Music hope that before very long they may be able to see this effort on a solid basis.

The Young Men's Literary Association has also very kindly devoted the proceeds of its entertainment of Thursday, January 17th, to this object.

SIXTH COMMITTEE.—*Young Men's Association.*

The work of this Committee, which consists in being present at the Tuesday evening social meeting for the older boys and young men, which was closed in May, was begun again in November, and has continued as in previous years. The lower rooms of the Parish Building are opened on these evenings from seven to ten o'clock. The time is spent in reading newspapers, books, pamphlets, etc., and in the use of amusing and instructive games. These exercises are occasionally interspersed with humorous and selected readings, with addresses.

There is also under the supervision of this Committee, and growing out of these social evenings, now two years old, the Young Men's Literary Association. This Association meets every Thursday evening. The Rector and Superintendent are, *ex-officio*, President and First Vice-President, and one of the teachers Second Vice-President; the Third Vice-President, and the other officers, are from among the young men. Several of the male teachers of the Sunday-School have taken great interest in this Association, and their constant attendance has been of great benefit. The young men have also exhibited considerable ability in the literary work assigned, and have also given substantial proofs of their own desire for the good of the Church. The

meetings are conducted with great decorum and under parliamentary law, and your Committee commends this effort to the good wishes and interest of all.

In addition to the regular meetings, there are held from time to time other gatherings: in the nature of exhibitions and entertainments, for the benefit of the Congregation and the friends of the Association. There was also an excursion given in the summer, from which nearly \$40 was realized. The Committee on Young Men's Association has been greatly aided by the systematic division of the teachers of the Sunday-School, so that there are now present on every Tuesday evening two of the male teachers; this arrangement is helpful and interesting to both teachers and scholars.

SEVENTH COMMITTEE.—*Young Ladies' Sewing-Circle.*

The meetings mentioned in the Report for last year were continued until May, and resumed again in November of 1883. It may be as well to again state the object of this effort: It is to provide a pleasant evening for the older girls of the Sunday-School, to promote a feeling of sociability among them, and at the same time to employ the hour to advantage and interest by making garments for some needy and worthy object. Last year, the sewing was for children of our own school; but as a supply of work was left over, the effort at present is for the Bethesda Home for friendless little children, at Chestnut Hill. As the Young Ladies' Sewing-Circle meets in the Bible-Class Rooms on the same evening as the older boys, the rooms are always thrown together; a piano is furnished through the kindness of friends, and there is generally music by some of the scholars or their friends, occasionally some good singing by members of a glee-club.

These social evenings for both sexes have been productive of most excellent results; the rooms are generally well filled, and any of the Congregation who may look in will be well repaid. As in the case of the male teachers, the female teachers have been divided into sub-committees, and three assigned to each evening.

The young ladies united with the Committee on Missionary Work during the Lenten season, and expect to do the same for the present year.

EIGHTH COMMITTEE.—*Missionary Work.*

This comprises a large number of the ladies, who meet during Lent, in connection with the Women's Auxiliary of the Board of Missions. Last season, their work was for a clergyman of the Church in Kansas, and two large boxes of useful articles for himself and family were forwarded before Easter. It is impossible here to enumerate the articles sent; the money-value of the box, as reported and credited in the "Spirit of Missions," was \$252.40; but of this amount \$145 was collected from friends outside the Parish.

Probably very few persons have any idea of the amount of real good that is done in the sending of such boxes as these. On the frontier, the salary of a clergyman often amounts to a few hundred dollars, and he is obliged to support a family. The letters received by the Committee from this recipient were full of gratitude and thankfulness, and the fact may be mentioned that but for articles sent in these boxes his children could scarcely be habited decently enough to take their places in the House of God. This Committee gratefully appreciate the kindly aid of the young ladies in their work. The same Committee is also organizing for the approaching Lenten season; but owing to the inclement weather, and cases of need presenting themselves, will work for parochial purposes.

NINTH COMMITTEE.—*Entertainments.*

The only one held was the Strawberry and Floral Festival, in June, which was undertaken more for the purpose of promoting a feeling of sociability in the Congregation than from a desire for profit. The amount netted, however, was \$110.35, which was passed over to the Accounting Warden; the Old Folks' Concert of the Choir also passed under the direction of this Committee as to the sale of tickets and other arrangements.

TENTH COMMITTEE.—*Dressing and Decorating the Church at Christmas and Easter.*

This work was most faithfully performed, and the large number of young people who were appointed to the duty at

Christmas most enthusiastically entered into the matter. It will be borne in mind that there is no regular Committee to which this branch of the operation of the Association is assigned, but special Committees are appointed for each occasion. At Christmas this year, there were fifty-two gentlemen and thirty ladies who acted.

ELEVENTH COMMITTEE.—*Mothers' Meetings.*

These were recommenced on the first Friday evening in December, after being suspended for a few years. They are held every Friday evening, in the first Bible-Class Room. A full Report cannot of course be given until the closing, in May.

TWELFTH COMMITTEE.—*Temperance.*

In the last Report, it was stated that a branch of the Diocesan Church Temperance Society was in prospect. This was duly organized in February last, and made part of the work of the Parish Association, a Standing Committee for this purpose being constituted. Thus far, thirty of the male members of the Association have enrolled themselves, subscribing to either one of the two pledges required by the Society. The matter is kept entirely informal and without machinery, and depends solely upon the influence of its members; who, having thus subscribed their names and received their tickets, are expected to carry out the true Christian principles of the organization.

In addition to the above Committees, there have been special ones of male members who have assisted in preserving order at the Easter and Christmas celebrations.

The Treasurer of the Association reports:

Balance on hand from 1883,	\$21.31
Cash received from Entertainments,	267.56
Collections,	25.00
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	\$313.87

PAYMENTS.

Committees,	\$14.75
Printing Annual Report,	25.00
Church Warden,	267.56
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	307.31
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Balance,	\$6.56

Grouping together, then, these various Treasurers' Reports, we find the totals as follows:

RECEIPTS.

From all sources—Pew-Rents, Collections, Donations, Subscriptions, Offertory, etc., and including Balances from 1883,	\$6,771.86
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PAYMENTS.

Support of the Church, Interest, Insurance, Repairs, Improvements, etc.,	\$4,263.63
Support of Sunday-Schools,	404.29

\$4,667.92

Missionary and Charitable Purposes:

Parochial,	\$313.01
City,	278.66
Diocesan,	220.50
Domestic,	810.44
Foreign,	202.16
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	1,824.77
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	6,492.69

Balance, \$279.17

Accounted for:

Warden,	\$8.71
Sunday-School,	108.39
Parish Association,	6.56
Special Organ Fund,	155.51
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	\$279.17

One very gratifying feature of the above summary is the amount reported for missionary and charitable purposes, and which was \$1,824.77. In 1882, it was \$1,245.32. In 1881, it was \$741.33.

There has thus been presented, as briefly and yet as fully as possible, the work of the Parish for the past year. It has been characterized by the same harmony and good feeling as in the previous years, which we trust may ever continue; and that every member of this Association may not rest satisfied with these outward and visible signs of the Church's growth, but desire also the inward and spiritual grace which is the true test of success.

Your friends and fellow-workers,

CHARLES D. COOPER, RECTOR,
GEO. C. THOMAS,
R. A. KYLE,
WM. D. THOMAS,

Committee.